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THE WISE
VIRGIN:

OR,
A Wonderfull Narration of
the various dispensations of God towards
a Childe of eleven years of age; wherein as his
severity hath appeared in afflicting, so also his good-
ness both in enabling her (when stricken dumb, deaf,
and blind, through the prevalency of her disease) at
several times to utter many glorious Truths concerning
Christ, Faith, and other subjects; and also in Recover-
ing her without the use of any external means; lest
the glory should be given to any other.

To the wonderment of many that came
far and neer to see and hear her.

With some Observations in the fourth year since
her Recovery.

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*The Works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that
have pleasure therein. Psal. 111. 2.*

*All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord, and thy Saints shall
blesse thee, Psal. 145. 10.*

Natura in minimis maxime mirabilis.

The fourth Edition enlarged, with some passages of her
gracions conversation now in the time of health.

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and her Glorification, and her Exaltation, and her
Triumph, and her Victory, and her Conquest, and her
Reign, and her Dominion, and her Power, and her
Majesty, and her Glory, and her Honor, and her
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To all those who love our Lord

Jesus Christ in sincerity, and especially
my much endeared Friends the Parents of
this Child of Wonders: Grace and Peace be
multiplied, through the knowledge of God, and
of Jesus our Lord.

THE Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord
(in the whole dispensation thereof)
seems to be nothing else but a Com-
position of Wonders, every thing
therein being matter both of wonderment and
document: And as in other respects, so parti-
cularly in the manner of the propagation
thereof, and in the way whereby our wise good
God hath brought it home, and settled the
precious Truths thereof upon the hearts of his
chosen Ones. Though God useth a general U-
niformity, yet is there also a particular variety
of Dispensation; God sometimes stepping out
of the ordinary course of instituted means, to
meet with the darknesse, unbelief, and other
weaknesses of poor souls, especially in these
last Ages of the World, where in there are
some rarities of Providence, whereby God
seems to speak unto us, that he is intending to

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do some new and strange thing in the earth.

And if you look narrowly what these means are which God hath chosen out, you shall plainly discover that of the Apostle to be reckoned all along, that they are the foolish, the weak, the base, and the despised things of the world. He hath not chosen armes, or armes of the Mighty Ones, nor the mouth of the Sword, but the Sword of the mouth; for out of the mouths of Babes and Sucklings he hath ordained strength, whereby he effecteth wonderful things for the advancement of his kingdom here in the World. That which comes out of the mouths of these Babes shall accomplish his Royal Will.

1 Cor. 1.
27, 28.

Psal. 8. 2.

Thus it was with the Head and Captain General of this Infantry, the Lord Jesus; he was at first a Babe and a Suckling; and the Apostles were such in their Original; and such are all those who are their * Successours.

* In idem
caput,
though
not in eun-
dem gra-
dum.

But the Scripture seems to receive a further complection, even in the Letter of it in this instance and example, of which I shall now make Relation. Out of her mouth the Lord hath ordained such things should be uttered as may (I hope through his blessing) prove instrumental for the promoting of some part at least of that glorious Gospel-Designe of Love towards lapsed Creatures, which you will finde recorded in the subsequent Relation,

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tion; and that both in the time of her extreame
weaknesse, as also since her Restauration and
Recovery: and because God hath raised up
One, so extraordinary to declare so much of
his Will unto us: surely God expects that
we should more than ordinarily improve these
his Dispensations; and the rather, because such
Mirabilia Dei are usually prefaces of great
mutations in the Common-wealth: where they are
acted; and if men answer not God in such
Providences, he usually gives them up to
spiritual evils, and after that to temporal de-
solations. May not *Germany*, *Scotland*, *Ire-
land*, acknowledge this with tears in their
eyes; that they have not walked worthy of the
glorious appearances of God amongst them;
and may not *England* subscribe the same con-
fession in letters written (as *Draco's* Lawes
were) with their own Blood? Hath not God
shewed signs and wonders in all these Nations?
And are not spiritual Judgements (as *gray* *Hose.* 7.9.
hairs, visibly here and there upon us) and is it
not observable, that the *Jews* before their be-
ing given up to utter Desolation enjoyed the
highest Dispensations that ever? When a
people are lifted up to Heaven (as *Capernaum* *Mat.* 23.34.
was) with Gospel-priviledges, & yet have much
of hell in their practices, the next news we hear
of them will be, that they are brought down
to hell by Gods Judicial Providences.

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THE extraordinary works of Gods mercy being abused make way for extraordinary Judgements.

But I wish and hope that others, (but especially you my dear friends and relations) who have been eye and ear-witnesses of these rare actions of providence, and whose hearts have been so much affected therewith) will wisely consider the Lords doings, and lay them upon your hearts, until your hearts be warmed therewith, and your lives conformed accordingly.

This Child being acquainted with some Intentions of some of her Friends to print her Speeches, answered, I wish they may aim at a right end; a most seasonable *use*; and if we do not endeavour to have them first printed in our hearts, and to publish them in our lives, we shall give but a poor account of the publication of them to the World.

If the World must know (as we do judge it fit, that such a light should not be set under a bushel) what God hath done for us; I beseech you, let's carry it so as the World may know (to our joy and not grief) what we do for God.

Mal. 2.15. Oh let us take heed to our spirits, that we do not with these sweet flowers of mercies, as children with their Nosesgayes, smell at them and delight in them for a short time, and then cast them away. God hath done wonderful things

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things for us; O that it might appear, he hath wrought wonderfull things in us! His wonderful works do declare his Name neer to us; let our works declare that his Name, his Service, Word, Worship, and all his Institutions and Commands are dear to us. If God walk *Dent. 23.* in the midst of us, then we should be exactly *12, 13, 14.* careful, that no unclean thing be found in us. It did much aggravate *Solomon's* defections *Kings 11.* from the Lord, that they were acted after *God* *12.* had appeared to him twice; God hath not appeared once or twice, but many times, and in sundry manners, and particularly in this Providence, (much of God appearing in her every time she spake) how great will our sin be, if *Ezra 9.* after God hath given us such a Deliverance, *13, 14.* nay, so many mercies in the womb of this, we should again break his Commands, grow loose and mindlesse of God, and forsake his Ordinances and Wayes, (as many do.) *xiii.* Gods Works in this instance declare his Name to be neer, and that exclusively, by way of exclusion of all other names; and *David* might mean so much in that phrase that his Name and the names of all his Gallant and Heroick Commanders were to be excluded, that Gods Name might not be obscured. God did all in this businesse, and therefore is fit that he alone should be exalted. Oh let's give him that little, all we have; let's strive to exalt him;

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him, he may be higher in our hearts, though
not in himself) and the rather, because these
providences have fruitfully administered varie-
ties of advantages for the raising up of our spi-
rits in the exaltation of Gods glorious Name.
May nor the Parents of this Child say with
wonderment; God raised up one out of Davids
house; 1 Sam. 12. 11. who attempted to deprive him
of his earthly Kingdom; but God hath raised one
out of our Family, who may be instrumental
to further our enjoyment of an heavenly king-
dom? They (I know) desire that others would
help them in endeavouring to render accord-
ing to the mercies received; and how should
they or others improve such dispensations; but
by labouring to act faith wth a higher rate, than
we have done? Faith hath two legs, whereby it
comes to Christ, and it is called a coming to
Christ; Job 6. 3. 6. submission and closing in
such mixt providences as these (where God
checkes his dispensations, working Checker-
work,) there will be much use of a submitting
frank of heart, to submit our selves, children,
and all; to the Will of the Father of our spi-
rits, Heb. 12. 9. and we should improve this
Providence (in raising up this Child) by faith,
for the raising up of the Church from under
all her Convulsions and prevailing Diseases;
many other wayes we should improve such
Works of God; but I have already exceeded
the bounds of an Epistle.

I shall only urge you and my self to suck
 that sweet brith of the promise, *Psalm. 50. 5th*
 you have prayed, God hath delivered, and
 now he expects to be glorified, and he promi-
 ses you shall glorifie me: Can then our unbeli-
 lies, our dead, sluggish, sickle, inconstant, and
 forgetful heart hinder it? If God say, thou
 shalt, who hath resisted his will? O then lie at
 the Pool of this promise, until your unbeliev-
 ing, unthankful hearts be healed. Lie at this
 beautiful gate, until you receive an almes, and
 a word come, that shall raise up your Spirit,
 that you may walk and leap, and praise the
 Lord. Let mee entreat you to review this
Childes speeches, but especially to eye God in
 all his providential actings towards her, until
 your hearts bee raised to exalt the glorious
 Lord in all those Attributes, which shine
 forth in this Scene of his Actings; Eye them
 for the strengthening of your faith, to trust
 God in all your straits, to submit to God
 when he is pleased to presse you down with
 the left hand of Afflictions, whilst he writes
 a fairer Copy of his Law in your hearts, with
 the right hand of his Holy Spirits powerful
 Visitations; eye them that you may learn to
 love JESUS CHRIST with more sin-
 cerity, and to use the World more cautious- *Psalm. 73. 1.*
 ly, lest it use (nay ride) you (as others) with, *1 Cor. 7.*
 great Cruelty: eye them, that so you may
 learn

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Ezek. 29.

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Isa. 32. 4.

Isa. 35. 3.

learn to sanctifie God in your hearts, who hath
diseases and cures at his command; who gives
the opening of the mouth, and causes the
tongue of the dumb to sing, and the tongue of
theammerers to speak plainly, and confirms
the feeble knees: (all which and more he hath
done for this Childe:) eye them also, that
your hearts may be brought in love with, and
confirmed in your love to the precious (and
yet, O sad, despised!) Ordinances and Institi-
tions of Jesus Christ, the King of his Church;
(which God hath opened a Childes mouth to
plead for;) And if you may gather such sweet
fruits as these from off the Branches of these
providential actings of our wise God, I shall sit
under the tree rejoycing, that God hath made
me instrumental to call you forth to so good
an employment, and subjoyn my self,

Sheffield, (Through Grace)
January 20, 1652.

James Fisher.

How I wish you
may be
brought in love with
the precious Ordinances
and Institutions of
Jesus Christ, the King
of his Church;

To the Godly Conscientious Reader.

IT is thy priviledge for soul-advantage that thou livest amongst Sermons; and it is a choice mercy in the *Saints Count-Book* that now when so many bid preaching depart, and Ordinances depart, and Duties depart, yet still the Lord is not wanting to appear (in some kind or other) owning his appointments. Yea, thou mayest observe Jesus Christ to be so desirous of thy Company, that he leaves no means unattempted to win thy soul to God, for the dear love of Jesus Christ seems to *flow & break over the banks of ordinary means*, that so it may encompass thy heart, and fetch thee wholly in to the Father. Now surely, Christian, thou wilt confess, that it's a barren soul indeed, whom the *over-flowings of Christs Love* will not make fruitful. Believe it, Gods unwonted layings out of love are not answered with stinted and wonted layings out of obedience. Great cost and little incomes is unprofitable trading. When the Lord helps us to receipts, wee had need beg hard that he would help us with returns; for questionless God expects those should be *Commemoration-daves* whereon his Saints have their *exceedings of Love*: 'tis certain, Christians, when Jesus Christ steps out
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of his high-road, he has some special business with Sinners. Now, thou to whom this Book shall come, the Lord (thou self) hath stepped aside to speak with thee, take heed how thou refusest to hear the voice that speaks from Heaven. Christ sees that *Word-preaching* will not serve, and therefore hee sends thee both *Word* and *work-preaching*, and all that he may make thee *Eternally Blessed*. Oh do thou not still go about to frustrate Christs endeavours, in his work of winning thy poor soul; it may be thou hast long stopped thine Ears to his *Words*, but what wilt thou stop thine Eyes to his *Works* too? Oh look to this young *Divine*, to this *Child-preacher*, or rather to the *Lord* in this *Child-preacher*; and if thou canst not spell *Christ* manifest by his *Words*, yet put together *Words* and *Works*, and thou shalt soon see what they make; if thou canst not know Christ by his *ordinary* appearing, yet, O learn to know him by his *Extraordinary*; for truly it is a *strange thing* to buy Christ in his own *Works*. O come do so too early, know
Look Christian! Here thou mayest see a *Bush* burning; and yet not consumed; yea a *Bush* burning, and yet blossoming. Naturall life preserved, when naturall means of preservation were denied; but indeed a few *lives* will feed five thousand; when Christ has the cooking of them God can make a little of the *creatures*

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For when he makes it up with a great deal
of Christ; for we see, though her ~~common~~ were
shorter than *Daniel's*, yet we find her very wel-
liking at him; therefore at what *Ordinary*, or rat-
her *Extraordinary* hath she dictated; surely she
had food, we knew not of. Well might she live
who fed so plentifully on life in self; and certainly
that life of hers was a happy life, which dwelt
so near the life of happiness. We did not know
why the life of Nature should be continued,
except it were that the life of grace might be
prolonged; but this we found, that the conti-
nuance of her life was a continued Sermon, and
did preach forth the wonderful power & love
of *Jesús Christ*; as if she had learnt a new and
holy art of *loving persons to God*; or as if *Faith*
were to come by seeing. Gracious Child! who
for her age might be a learner, & yet is made so
learned a Teacher, who so sweetly takes Christ
for her ~~heart~~ *truth*, for her *Doctrine* and *Holiness*
of her *Life*. Surely it was he who at 12 years
old was found in the Temple, sitting amongst the
Doctors; hearing of them, and asking of them
Questions; it was he (I say) who hath ranked
this 12 years old Child amongst the Doctors of
our *Israel*. 'Twas hee that made her Sermons,
the onely did but preach them, for her speech
betrayed she had been with *Jesús*. Oh what
gracious words she uttered! nothing but honey
dropt from her mouth, and that such honey

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as tasted much of the *Spiritual Canaan*. And indeed, Christian, none can speak so heavenly, none so healingly, none so sweetly, none so feelingly, as those that have much of God speaking in them; the Sentences she uttered are in this Book recorded; and now canst thou read, and not wonder, wonder, and not desire to read; And yet the manner of her speaking added *Emphasis* to the things she spake. Her eyes were fixed, as if she saw Christ; her countenance chearful, as if she embraced Christ; her lips smiling, as if she kissed Christ; yes, her arms sometimes sweetly clasping, as if with *Simon* she had gotten an arm-full of Christ.

What think you meant her soul, whilst her body used such an action? Oh what happiness for a poor soul to lose it self in the All-fulnesse of Christ! truly, these things made us all cry out, *What manner of Child shall this be?* But O, see the wonderfull workings of our God. He has let her come down into this lower room again. God seemed to take her out of the crowd into his Chambers up above; where she sweetly whispered his minde unto her; and now she hath sent her back again, that shee may live over her own Sermons. And yet so was God taken with her company, that he would not let her come down again, till his Children had petitioned again and again for her. And then they move

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to endear his mercy to us, he sends her down in the Arms of Prayer. So that now we find this truth in our own experiences: *That a Christian reacheth highest when he is on his knees.* I might speak much more of her, but I had rather commend Grace than gracious spirits. Oh let this (I beseech thee) with the other soul-helps Christ afford thee, prevail with thee to be good in good earnest; it's not leaves or bloomes that Christ looks for now, but fruit. I confesse indeed, the *Winter* of Religion seems to be past, wherein both bloomes and fruit, *Profession* and *Practice* was nipped and suppressed: and now is the *Spring* wherein most men are fair in bloom, which gives me hopes that the Lord is bringing about a time, when holy lips, and holy lives, heavenly Communion, and heavenly Conversation shall meet together; so that flourishing *Professours* will prove fruitful *Practicers*. Oh! be not thou one, who shall keep off such hoped-for times as these: think how thou wilt answer all God's costs about thee. And if thou be he that must be called in to give an account for every word thou speakest; O then what account wilt thou give for every word that God speaks to thee? Thou that hast some heavenly Doctrine, O take heed of earthly use: heart-warming

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exhortations and heart-cooling conversations are fearful and incongruous sights. I confesse, if I did not in some measure know the unreachableness of a corrupt heart, I should conclude, that *Non-profiting by such wonders, as these, is the greatest wonder of all.* Well, Christian! thou hast a providence here thrown into thy lap, O improve it, and be not befooled with fleshly wisdom, but O minde thy work, drive on thy Souls Trade; and if thou hast an interest in God, know thus much, that this Child hath an interest in thee; when therefore thou goest to improve thy interest at the Throne, forget not her, nor him, who is

Finningley, Jan.
25. 1652.

*Joyful in this, and all other
thy Soul-helps,*

John Firth.

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Grace here, and Glory hereafter.

THe voice of providence (Christian friend, for such I suppose thee, and unprejudiced I wish thee) is never to be neglected, especially when it is understood according to the Analogie of faith. Indeed, a Scriptural providential administrations are not to be forced. As it seems to me over-bold, if not cerem, & an impious act, to judge always according to plumbea the outward face of dispensations, to make Lesbie a- providences point out what we affect (as [a] nificatio- be judged of the Scriptures) even to speak our Pighius ex prejudiced and partial thoughts: so it is o- Examen. ver-Atheist-like to let the righteous God be Chem. in every day in the City, [b] and yet none to Decret. 1. read any thing. [c] The works of the Lord Trident. are great, sought out of all them that have Sess. 4. pleasure therein. [d] Whoso is wise will b Zep. 3. 5 observe these things, and he shall understand c Pl. m. 2. the loving kindness of the Lord. d Psa. 107.

There are a sort of men in these last and 43. worst of dayes, that will believe nothing but c Joh. 20. 25.

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f Life of
the hand.
Iſa. 57. 10.

what themselves behold, and sleight all [e]
(Thomas-like) that themselves have not a
finger in. To get these above life [f] of
sense is not in my capacity, though it may be
in my aim. I do acknowledge my obscure tes-
timony far below such achievements. The
Sword of the Lord and Gideon undertake
them. Yet, why may not a broken Pitcher
give some light, and that sudden light dis-
perse the Amalekites? though I can find no-
thing in my self (my witnesse is in Heaven)
why I should be in publick; for bene vixit,
qui bene latuit; yet I dare not resist that voice
that calls me to bear witness to Gods workings
who hath so signally owned his own despised
Ministry, and sleighted Ordinances; speak-
ing withall peace to a tossed and afflicted Fa-
mily; That never misled spirit (that shall per-
tuse the ensuing Wonders) may more any de-
spise; or drooping poor Soul (that shall hear
how God remembred such an one in her low
[g] estate, and heard the Prayers of such
nothing-creatures) may any more despair.

g Pſa. 136.

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The subject of this ensuing Wonder, is Mi-
strisse Martha Hatfield, a Branch of a Family
of good Note in the West of York-shire, as to
externals, having wherein they might glory.
But (which is their glory) their great Prero-
gative is not here, nor in this World; that
they are bene nati, is but an empty bubble, in
respect

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promise, or some good sentence, holding out
God's love to man, she would say, Mother, this
is a sweet place, and usully read it over again.
Yet, though she thus grew in the inwards, [g]
her outward man was weakned and decayed,
till the twelfth year of her age, the year of
these wonderfull transactions betwixt God and
her spirit, as if that year Christ would gain
honour now in this Member of his, (to confute
such as would be thought some-body in these
dayes) as once in his own person he silenced
those Doctors of the Jewish Synagogue [h.]
In the eleventh year, viz. April. 1652. her bo-
dily Disease increased; so did her love to
Heavenly things also; for even those toys
which that age delights in, she desired not so
much as to hear named by her Sisters; setting
her thoughts upon, and inuring her tongue to
speak of those things above, where shortly she
expected to arrive. At last, the Disease over-
mastered her strength, seized upon the Or-
gans of her senses, so that she could neither
speak; see, nor hear, (to the apprehension of
any about her) she could not move but as she
was born by others; and much of this time her
teeth were so closed that she was not capable
of receiving food, onely some liquid matter
they dropped in at a broken tooth, and this
very little, she putting it out so fast as it was
given her; thus lay she divers moneths, even
untill

g 1 Cor. 4.
19.

h Luke 2.
42, 46.

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untill December, an Object of sorrow to her Parents, and of astonishment to all others, capable onely of their pity, not of their help; but a mirror of the mighty power of God, proving by this Argument, that [i] Man li- i Luk. 4.4
veth not by bread alone; it is not the arm of flesh that is to be confided in; [k] but he k Jer. 17.5
that knoweth our infirmities, is only able both to help and heal them. During this continued Paroxysm, she had very frequently (sometimes every day) certain grand extasies, whereby (after that her body had been racked on the Wheel of Convulsion) it became as stiff and expanse as that body which is seized on by death and coldnesse. In which extasies God did to astonishment appear. For now flowed those streams of living waters, those precious divine sentences contained in the ensuing pages: which thou tasting, with the Organs of the same Spirit they were delivered, thou canst but admire.

Look on the person, a Child going on twelve years, and canst but confesse, that out of the mouth of a Babe and Suckling God hath perfected praise [g.] Look at the condition g Psal. 8. 2.
wherein she uttered these, in a deep trance; and doest not see it fulfilled, that the tongue a Jer. 35.
of the dumbe shall sing [a?] Look at the 6.
things she spake, are they not deep things of b 1 Cor. 2
God [b?] is there Heresie or Errour inter- 10.
mingled?

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mingled? Couldst thou discern the manner of
her expressions, the vivacity of spirit, how the
words drop'd from a touch'd, experienced,
self-concerned heart; thou wouldest say as the
Queen of Sheba [c] said of Solomon, The
half was not told thee. Look at the suitableness
of the things spoken, and thou wilt confess,
they came not by the will of man, but this holy
one of God, spake as she was moved [d] (born,
supported, and carried out) by the Holy Spi-
rit. Concerning this last circumstance, when
some rashly affirmed, that she was acted by Sa-
tan, they judging according to carnal reason;
at the next extasie (which was the onely time
of her speaking) she uttered thus, I am not
in the hands of Satan, but in the hands of
my God: when some pretenders to Revela-
tions, (as these times are full of such) visited
her, at that very time, she was carried out to
say, [e] Take heed you sow not tares, for if
you sow not tares, you shall reap tares: and
afterwards fully witnessed against them thus;
Take heed you despise not God's Ordi-
nances, nor his Instruments that he hath
sent to preach his Word; God will let you
go on with your delusions for a time, but
there will come a day of Judgement to try
whether you be right or false; And [f]
again, Lord, restrain those that go about to
interrupt those Instruments which thou hast
sent

c 1 Kings
10. 7.

d ὁ
πνευμα-
τικῶς
ἐκφορη-
θεῖσα
ἐν τῷ
ἁγίῳ
πνεύματι

e 2 Pet. i. ult
f Job 4.8.

f In exta-
sic, Octo. 9

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sent to preach out thy holy Word in the
 Congregations; it is requisite that offences
 should come, but w^o nnto them by whom
 they come. *Novem. 9.* [g] being purposed *In extra-*
 for a day of seeking God by Fasting and *fic, Nov. 1.*
 Prayer; the night before she encouraged *Luke 11. 2*
 them that were about her [h] with that of *In extra-*
 the Psalmist, Call upon me in the day of *fic, Nov. 2*
 trouble; and I will deliver thee, and thou *Psa 50. 15*
 shalt glorifie me. And the night after the
 work was done, she admonish^t them [a] thus: *In extra-*
 O let us call to mind what the Lord hath *fic, Nov. 9.*
 done for us, [b] and not be like the natural *b Jam. 1. 24*
 man that looketh his face in a glasse, and
 presently forgetteth what manner of man he
 was. *1 Cor. 13. 12*

Thus God by this his hand-maid opposed
 profane scoffers, cautioned misled creatures,
 and bare witnesse to the excellency and ne-
 cessity of the now sleighted Ordinances and
 Ministry. *1 Cor. 13. 12*

Reader, here thou mayest a while behold
 (as it were) a conflict in her godly parents be-
 twixt joy and grief; their tears issued not all
 from the same fountain; the one was swoln
 with drops of gladness; the other of sorrow:
 while they beheld the deep trials of God upon
 them, their lips quivered, [c] rottenness en- *c Hab. 3. 16*
 tered into their bones, they trembled in
 themselves: but when again they beheld how
 [d]

To the Reader:

d Isa. 34. ii [d] God laid their tossed and afflicted, with
 fair colours checkered his work, paved his
 steps with black and white marble; then a-
 gain they are comforted. [e] As that Popish
 Bishop, when not able to determine, whether
 Solomon were a child of wrath or love, caused
 his Effigies to be drawn, half in heaven, half
 in hell: so they judge their affairs to resemble
 that cloud, which ushered the Israelites to the
 Land of Promise; it had a dark side as
 well as a bright [f.] Thus God holds them
 till the time came that he would command de-
 liverances for them; [g] then he put them on
 a way to attend this end, not by might, nor
 by power; [h] not wisdom of men, nor out-
 ward means of Physick, but that Grace might
 be advanced; to send for the Elders of the
 Church, and let them pray over the afflicted,
 which was done [i] in the spirit of grace and
 supplication: and after twice wrestling with
 God in Fasting and Prayer, he was pleased to
 be intreated. And as gloriously admirable
 was God's hand in raising her up, as in casting
 her down; for in the close of the second dayes
 work, that God might manifest himself to be
 a God hearing Prayer [k,] and that crea-
 tures in their lowest condition might never de-
 spound, he shewed some glimmerings of his gra-
 cious favour, and within a few dayes gave to
 her understanding, senses, speech, the use of
 her

e Petrus
 Tenuis
 Archi-
 shop of
 Toledo.

f Exod. 14
 20.

g Pl. 44. 3.

h Zac. 4. 6

i Zach. 12.
 10.

k Pl. 65. 1.

To the Reader.

her legs, and since a daily income of health and strength, and which is better than life, suffered not these high workings of his Spirit to be an occasion of puffing her up, but kept her in a gracious, humble, depending frame of spirit; for being inform'd what she had said, she replied thus in her childish speech, [b] have I? me cannot tell, I can doe nothing of my self, it was not me, it was the Spirit of God in me; I am nothing but a poor earth-worm, and me have nothing but what my God giveth me; for me is nothing but dust and ashes. Again, some two or three dayes before God gave her the use of her legs, her Father desiring to neglect no lawful means, wished one to signifie his pleasure to her, that he had thoughts of procuring a Physicians advice concerning her; whereunto she sweetly answered, she would be disposed by her Parents will, but her desire was to wait God's end, she could wish no Physician might partake of any glory with God; for he alone had done the cure, he alone deserved the praise. Thus (Reader) hast thou a true Narrative of that which seems marvellous in our eyes; the Lord remove from thy heart all self and prejudices, make thee willing to give God the glory of his own workings; stubber not over this passage of divine Providence with careless or profane thoughts; eye God, learn to live by faith, and despise.

b Decem.
8. the first
time she
spake out
of an ex-
trane.

To the Reader:

despise not Ordinances, which God hath from
heaven in this occasion born witness to. I
have purposely avoided all frothy flourishes of
the tongue, lest the truth should be suspected;
for I would win thy heart, not thy senses; not
words, but things take wise men; of whose
number, if thou wouldst be thought one, judge
soberly, and the end is obtained.


Church-Sandal,


Jan. 28. 1652.

By the unworthiest,
yet a faithful well-
wisher to thy pre-
cious Soul,

W^a. Barnard.

The


The Narrative, wherein
is related how this Child was visited,
*and the manner of her Disease, when
she uttered those Heaven-born
truths herewith published.*

 His Child who hath been the
subject of such Wonders of
Providence, is the Daughter of
Master Anthony and Mistresse
Faith Hatfield of Leighton, in
the West-Riding of York-shire;
her name is Martha Hatfield, she was com-
pleat twelve years old the 27 day of Septemb.
in the year of our Lord 1652. She hath been
from her birth a Child of Wonders, being so
little when she was brought out of her Mo-
thers Wombe, that it was thought she would
speedily have returned to the common womb,
where all living must ere long be laid up. But
God who quickeneth the dead, who is the
preserver of man, continued her life, and she
grew up very hopefully, as a Plant of God's
own planting; yet some years before this vi-
sitation, she was observed to be of a sad spirit,
oft retiring into corners, and weeping for a
long time, and could not then render any
reason

The Narrative.

reason thereof; but it evidently appeared afterward, that she was much afflicted with the Spleen-wind, which increased (notwithstanding the use of means) to greater extremity.

But before I proceed, I must desire the Reader not to expect an exact Relation of her Disease in Physicall terms of Art, because it pleased the all-wise Disposer of all occurrences, so to order the Spirit of the childe, and his own dealings towards her, (as you may see anon) that no means could be used towards her Recovery, and so no Physicians did stay with her to observe the symptoms of her Disease; so that it's but conjecturall what it was; it's thought the rigid convulsions, or rather that it was a complicated disease of many of those distempers which afflict the brain;

*Excerpt
unus.*

but I shall give it you in our Country-Dialect, as those that were usually with her did apprehend it. I shall observe this Method.

1. I shall speak of her Disease.

2. Relate her Speeches,

3. The manner of her Recovery.

4. Her Disease.

The Spleen-wind (after sometime) did grow to that extremity, that shee could not digest her meat, but vomited up all that shee took, which yet was but a small quantity for a long time; after which she was taken all of one side, beginning at her neck, which caused her

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to hold her head awry; and from thence it went into her arm, and took away the use of it for many dayes, and when her arm was better, it fell into her leg on the same side, and continued there untill she fell quite down, which was after this manner. She had extraordinary fits of violent vomiting, and after that Convulsions, which occasioned extreame torments, especially in the night, and so she continued (sometimes better, sometimes worse) for many dayes, sorely troubled with a sore stopping in her throat, which caused her to gasp, and her eyes were set in her head so that they feared a suffocation, and then fell a vomiting, and then into Convulsions, with extreame workings in her head, and all over, which they thought for the present made her insensible; and when she came out of those fits, her eyes were fixed seriously, hearkening and listening, and would say, what sweet Musick is this that I hear? do you not hear it? O heark heark, do you not hear? she was answered No, What Musick is it like? O the sweetest Musick that I ever heard, never heard such before; I do not know, nor can I express what it is like, unless it be like Angels singing in Heaven; thus she did divers times betwixt the Convulsion fits, in which time she had the use of her understanding, and could speak, and with many sweet words was able to exhort her

Her Disease.

her Parents to trust in God, saying, If we had but faith, it would carry us thorough all the troubles of this World.

April 6.
1652.

Then about *April* the sixth, 1652. we perceived such a change in her, that we thought she would dye presently, and she fell into a fit of extream paine in her side, which took away her breath, and her senses for sixteen hours; and she was stricken all over stiff, in which time she laid (as if dead) hopeles of life in the judgments of those who beheld her. Yet about the third hour she was enabled with great alacrity to express the joys of Heaven, and sweetly prayed for her self, and all her relations, she conceived their necessities required.

Her prayer.

First, for her Father thy Servant, the head of this Family, Lord, give him faith in Jesus Christ, to lay hold upon thee, and give him patience to be content with thy Will; and for our Mother who hath been so long weak, Lord, restore her, and make her a Comfort to us all, and teach her to submit to thy will; and for my Grand-mother that old stock, that old stock, that thou hast made such a Comfort to us, good Lord, we thank thee for her, and if I live, I desire to be thankful for her. And for our Brother who is to be disposed of, good Lord, direct the heart of thy Servant our Father, to dispose of him as may be most for thy glory; and for the good of his soul and body.

Good

Her Disease.

Good Lord, bless our Sister who hath taken so great pains with my Mother and me; and our other little Brother, Lord, make him thine; and guide him in all his wayes in his young years, that his soul may be precious in thy sight; and my other Sister, the Lord give her grace. And that other little Sister, good Lord, take away that infirmity from her eye, if it be thy will; & for that Sister whom thou hast disposed of in marriage; the Lord bless that Family, and give them more and more of thy Spirit to guide them in thy wayes; and Lord give him a Spirit of prayer; but let us not make haste, for thy time is the best. And for that little branch, Lord, as it grows in dayes and years, grant that it may grow in grace, & walk in thy way. And for that godly sweet Servant of thine * (that prayed so heartily for me the last night) the Lord bless him; & Lord, bless thy Servant who is gone to use means for her health, and blesse the means, for without thy blessing nothing can profit; and Lord, if it be for thy glory, bring them together, and if not, make them contented to yield to thy will. Good Lord, blesse all our Family, and make them thine, and teach all our Friends to walk in thy wayes.

When she began this Prayer, all about her were so amazed with the suddenness of it, that they could not (for the joy and astonishment

Her Uncle
Captain
Hatfield.

Note:

wherewith their spirits were filled) observe each passage so exactly as is desired they had done, so that many of her expressions are lost; but these things set down, are (as neer as they that were present could recall to their thoughts) related and written down in her own very words.

After this Prayer, her head fell, and she was as in a Trance, and as she past into it, she said, The Lord be with you all, I am now going to Heaven, where I hope one day you will come to me. And when she was come forth of that Trance, in which they thought she would have dyed, she was exceedingly rapt up with joy (which perhaps was the Heaven she spake of, that she was going to) laughing, and spreading her arms, and clasping them close to her, that they could not be opened; but presently she opened them, and express her self in these words,

I have found my Christ, Oh I have found my Christ, how sweet is he to me!

Conflict. After this fit of joy, she fell into a sore conflict with Satan, and opening her arms which were clasped with hugging her sweet Christ unto her, she struck so vehemently as if she had more than ordinary strength, and express her self in these words,

Away, away, away, Satan, with a stern countenance (which was a great change in her face, which

which was so amiable before in her rejoycing fit) and so she continued for some time, and then the Lord was pleased to give her comfort again.

And then she laughed, and rejoyced much more than before, and spread her arms, and clasped them close again, and said, *O my Christ is come again, my Christ is come again, he shall vanquish Satan and cast him behinde me.* Comfort :

Then she fell again into another Conflict, *Conflict.* with striking as before, but never spake in a Conflict, but the conflict being over, she spake, and laught, and behaved her self in the like manner as before.

O now my sweet Christ is come again, he is come again, and hath destroyed my spiritual enemy, who would have destroyed my soul. O labour for Christ, and that the Name of Christ may be written upon all your hearts with letters of gold. Comfort.

Thus one time with comforts, and at other times with conflicts, she continued the greatest part of one night, which they that were present thought, was about the several times that night, but they were all so astonished both with the matter and manner, that they could not certainly relate how many of those conflicts, and comfortable fits she had; neither indeed (as they acknowledged) are they able to relate the manner thereof, as it was made known unto them.

Untill
April 23.

After this, about seventeen days, she lay stiff, and never spake all that time, neither was she ever seen to shut her eyes night or day, but stood fixed broad open, and many who came to see her, would say, that her eyes were fixed where her heart was. At that time she did vehemently gnash her teeth, so that two or three of her teeth were broken out. When she was in her stiff fits, she lay like a dead corpse, and it pleased the Lord so to order her disease, that she came to her self twice a day, viz. at twelve a clock at noon-day, and six at night, and then she did understand her self, but could not speak, and to these times she kept constantly for about seventeen dayes, and then she would make signs to wash her mouth with small beer or water, they not knowing what she would have, but she could manifest dislike of what was offered, if it was not that which she desired; she took no food all this time, but only washed her mouth (as was said) twice a day.

April 23.

About this time coming to her self, she fell into great extremity of vomiting for 2 dayes, and that which she vomited was like gall or soot, and blood, & by times continued in that extremity for seven or eight dayes, and was carried about in the arms of one or other, or sat on their knees, having little rest, save some short dorms. She from the 23 of April, never came in bed till it pleased God, to recover her

indeed

indeed they made tryal sometimes, hoping the warm bed, would have nourished and refreshed her wearied, wracked, and tortured body, but she as one altogether insensible of the coldness of the weather, or of her own need of such succours, yet could not lie down by reason of that rising in her throat; in this time she spake much, and uttered many sweet expressions.

Many times being desired to take some food, she answered, I would take food, if God would give me leave, but I cannot, I cannot; and when they would do any thing about her (if it might be) to give her some ease, she would say, Alas, here's no ease here, O that you will not suffer a poor creature to have some ease! there's no comfort to be had here, but there's ease in Heaven.

At another time, she said, O Lord, some ease for a poor distressed creature; Lord, for thy Son Christ his sake.

Again, where's my Father and my Mother, that they may pray for me? I had a Father and a Mother, and Brethren, and Sisters.

Again, she was much troubled, and said, What a naughty, naughty Lasse was I, to be so impatient? but now I have more pain, and the Lord hath given me more patience; now I can say with David, *It is good for me that I have been afflicted.* Good? It is good indeed, for my Father hath got good, and my Mother

hath got good, and I have got good, and God hath got glory. I would not have been without this affliction for any thing; this is a good affliction indeed.

Her Sister *Hannah* speaking to her, (Must these little pretty hands go into the grave and rot in the dust? I (said she) what should they do else? poor sinful corrupt flesh.

Her Father asking her, Child, art not hungry, thou hast eaten nothing of a long time? She said, I hunger for nothing but Christ, I am very hungry after him, I would very fain have him.

Then he asked her, if she would drinke? she said, I am very thirsty for Christ.

They were speaking to her of a Physician, but she said, *My comfort is in Christ*, I pray you trouble me not with the Physician. But speaking to her Father, (he said, Will you not? I beg of you that I may have no other Physician; Jesus Christ will bee my Physician, for my Grave is better for me than to be here.

Again, Lord, reveal unto mee what is the cause of this affliction, what sin it is that lies unrepented of; sins of omission, or commission, or what sins soever they are, Lord, reveal them to me, and pardon them all, and give me repentance for them; with many such words which are not remembered.

Again, O Lord, I beseech thee, look upon me with

with pity and compassion; Lord, do not forget me, but think upon me.

Again, O my sin is the cause of it; O teach me to say as *David*, *It is good for me that I have been afflicted.*

Again, Good Lord, look upon me with pity and compassion, and enable me to bear thy hand; Lord, mitigate these pains which are upon me; Lord, pardon all my sins, and remove all these afflictions, which are upon my body, if it seem good in thine eyes.

Again, the Lord hath in mercy looked on me in his pity and compassion; I hope, I shall not be from my Christ long: *Come, Lord Jesus, O come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.*

Then she comforted her self with *Job's* case, that though he sat on the dunghill scraping his sores with a Pot-herd, and though God gave Satan power over his body, yet not over his soul; and though his Wife tempted him to curse God, (what a wicked woman was that? what a wicked woman was that? said she) yet his soul was precious in Gods sight.

Then musing with her self, she uttered her self thus, by way of question; *Why did God create man? For his glory.*

Quest. Why doth he afflict his Children? For their good.

Quest. Why should we desire to dye when we are in afflictions? seeing the grave praiseth him

him not, and seeing it is for Gods glory to live

Again, she said, *Come to me, all ye children; and I will gather you as a hen gathereth her chickens; and you shall sing Hallelujahs in Heaven with Christ, and all his holy Angels.*

Again, happy are they who appear for Christ; for they shall appear with him in glory.

Again, at another time she said, that no body knew what troubles she had gone thorough (in reading the Word and Prayer) by reason of evil and wicked thoughts, & that she was glad sometimes to leave off reading; and to go to Prayer; and said, I have fought to God many times with tears (which no body knew of) to help me against unprofitable thoughts; but now she had got the victory through Christ; and then she laught.

Note.

Before the nineteenth of May, immediately after the performance of Family-duties (her Disease having wrought much in her mouth and eyes, during the time of the Duty) she seemed to them to be dead; her chaps falln; her eyes set; and the Neighbors were called in; her Parents had taken their leave of her; hoping the life of nature was exchanged for a life of glory; and then a Cloth was spread over her face; but about half an hour after it pleased the Lord to discover a symptome of life; as they perceived the Cloth to stirre, and with much perswasion, they entreated her dear Mo-
ther

ther again to look upon her, who coming to her, then found her eyes broad open, and said, Ah Child! Where hast thou been? then lifting up her eyes towards Heaven, sweetly smiling.

This (I conceive) was the cause of those sad fits of weeping (whereof I made mention before) of which she could not, or at least Satan would not suffer her to give any account.

Note.

These and many other sweet expressions fell from her in those seven or eight dayes, which yet are forgotten, none thinking then to have presented this story to publick view; and whether these things be related in the order they were uttered, Ie not affirm, but this I may say, they are set down as near as could be in her own words, without any additions, and this many credible Witnesses will testify.

Wm. G.

Q. T. M.

And that you may be induced the rather to credit this, be pleased to take this character of this Child, that before this extream weakness fell upon her, she was observed to be very frequent in private Prayer; and her Mother being exercised with long weakness, she would read by her out of such good Books as there were in the house; and her Mother observed that she would read with much affection, so that her Mother thought, and said, she hoped that her heart was taken with the things which she did read; the Child would say (Mother forsooth) is not this a good sentence? (if you please)

Ball of Faith.

Burroughs

Treatises,

&c.

please) I will read it over again: she was noted to bee a very loving, tender-hearted; and affectionate Child to all; and especially shee manifested it in many pregnant expressions to her Mother in her sicknesse.

May 1.

After this, May the first or second, she was freed from that extremity of pain, her Disease much varying, and shee was stricken all over stiff, all her parts being extended, as if stretched forth; and if any one lifted up her arm higher or lower, there it would fix where they set it, and so buckle any joint of her hand, and it would stand as it was set, and thus she continued for seventeen dayes; and never spake word, neither did she take any thing, but they waſht her mouth with beer or water severall times in a day.

Untill

May 19.

It was noted, that when any did speak to her concerning any thing of the world; or of any particulars (which as a Child) she had delighted in, she would then shew discontent; but if they discoursed of Heavenly matters, then she shewed no signs of discontent; but seemed to give attention.

May 19.
1652.

Then her Convulsion fits were grown to greater extremity, the Disease working with strange varieties, causing severall motions and postures, and then at sometimes she had those stiff fits of congelations, and then she did utter those sweet sayings, afterwards set down; and

and when she grew limber, shee gave over speaking.

Here I have briefly noted some things, and then set down her speeches.

1. She spake not but, in a stiff fit (or very rarely, and then but a word or two) and she continued speaking from May the 19th. till June the 21. 1652. beginning usually about eight of the clock at night, and so continued with some little intermission between every sentence to speak for two hours or more, and then ceased until the next night about the same time: She did speak some things in the morning, or some things in the afternoon, but so very seldom, and then she was limber all over, but then there were strange workings of the Convulsions, twisting her fingers, writhing her neck, drawing her mouth to her ear.

2. It was observed, that sometimes in those stiff fits wherein she spake, she would change her Countenance, and look very sadly and frowningly; and it was conceived by those who beheld her, that then she was under some temptation, because the next thing she spake (after such frowning fits) was alwayes something against Satan, that roaring lurking Lion, and then she would smile, and look very cheerfully.

3. The manner of her coming into those stiff fits, was with beatings of her hands upon her

her breast, and she had fore Convulsions; and then of a sudden she had all her parts extended, and then she smiled; and then they knew that she would speak presently; she lay upon her back, and had the most sweet, amiable, cheerful countenance that ever I beheld (excepting one or two frowning fies in a night) all the time of her speaking. Some who came to see her; compared her countenance when she came out of her stiff fits, to a cloud overshadowing the Sun-beams; there was such a change in her countenance,

It was further observed; that she did alwayes sweat when she did speak. She had also rejoycing fits, clasping her arms, and laughing sometimes; and sometimes she spake when the Convulsions drew her mouth awry, & when she spake, sometimes her speech was lower, sometimes more audible; alwayes with that vigour, vivacity, and earnestnesse of spirit, that it did much affect the hearts of them who heard her; and sometimes she was so weak that her chaps only moved, but no words could be heard; further, it was observed, that she did alwayes speak very good sense, and when she mistooke, she would go over with the matter again, and make it good sense before she left off.

4. Observe, that when her time of speaking came, there was one who wrote her words, all help-

helping to remember the very words as she uttered them; in which labour of love, two of Sir Edward Rhodes (that worthy Patriot) his Sons, viz. Mr. Edward and Mr. William Rhodes were very useful, and they took much delight in that work, being indeed Gentlemen of a very sweet temper and disposition, and very hopeful to be blessings to their Family.

There was also a Scholar, by name Master John Cromwel (one related to Master Hatfield's Family) who was very much affected with the sweet appearances of God in that Child, and did help to take some of her speeches, and was also very helpfull to the Ministers and Christians, in our dayes of seeking God for her: God mightily drawing out his Spirit to wrestle for her enlargement; and there were others who assisted in this work; and after they were written down (in the space between her speakings) they were read over and every one desired to manifest their assent if they judged the words to be truly related, and there were usually many present, many strangers coming daily to hear her, when her speaking times were known, and I do believe and know, and many will witness, that there was great care taken, that her own words might be set down.

5. From this time untill a little before the Lord was pleased to restore her, it was thought

thought that she neither did see, or hear, or know any body, and that she never minded what was said to her, nor answered to any thing that was spoken to her. It was observed, that her strength and activeness was very great during the time of the workings of her Convulsions, so that they think she had near an hundred several actions and postures in her right hand in one night; and so it was several times; and when the workings of her Convulsions were in any part of her body, that had more strength; and if all over, then her strength was raised beyond ordinary. She had also fore extream crying fits for two or three, and sometimes four hours together, which did so affect the head and heart of her dear relations; that they were not able to abide in the room. And then after those crying fits, she did usually vomit blood (these crying fits continued for one quarter of a year) and after she had vomited blood, she was better, exceeding quiet, mild-spirited, and they might dispose of her as they pleased. This vomiting must be understood to be before that time that her teeth were shut up.

6. These wonderful providential allurances some have sinisterously interpreted, surmising, nay, some speaking that she was bewitched, possessed, &c. and that Satan did speak in her, and that it was not her voice, but a voice

voide in her; to whom God shall give an answer from Heaven in his late dealings and gracious dispensations towards her.

It was the judgement of a very judicious Physician who was sometimes with her, that her Disease was natural, her Speech superna-

tural. It's true, we read in the Scriptures of God, that Satan can transform himself into an Angel of light, and hath spoken sometimes divine matters, and quoted Scriptures (but corruptly of ten) Satan herein (as *Lucifer* observes) imitates Gamsters, who suffer young Heirs to win, to make them more eager of the Game, and so engages them till they have won all: Satan will comply with the temper, and dispositions of such as he sees strongly inclined to gracious actions, rowing with the tide of their inclinations, but he notes also out of *Isaiah* and *Chrysostom*, that he doth this but to insinuate into them, and to draw them by these artifices, by these delightful baits, to swallow the hook of evil suggestions and temptations; but this Child never spake of her temptations, or uttered any of Satans language in those her times of speaking, but all her speeches were sweet and gracious, much of Christ and Faith, and against Sarah, and against many Errors of the present times, both in judgment and practice; but nothing that might tend to

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promote Satans Kingdom; and I cannot think that Satan would have been a Midwife to help to the birth so many masculine sentences, and high-born truths, as this Child hath uttered; such divisions would much tend to the destruction of his Kingdom; hee would have mingled some of his dross amongst this pure gold, if he had prevailed so far as to gain any interest in, and power over this Child.

107. In this long time of her silence, viz. seventeen dayes, her friends began to be much perplexed, fearing God had left her, and many Prayers were sent up that he would please to open her mouth again, and upon the nineteenth of May, God having much stir'd up her Mothers heart to seek that mercy from him, she coming into the room where the Child lay, could scarcely take her seat there, before the Child began to speak, and the first words which she uttered, and that with much vivacity of spirit, were these: viz.

I was in darkness, but now I am in light.

Which words her dear Mother (with others) who had mourned under the want of that mercy, did take as a most seasonable answer to their Prayers, and satisfaction to the doubts which pressed their spirits, and they were much revived with the appearances of God in this sweet change in the Child, who proceeded on to utter those precious sayings, which

which now I shall let down in order as they were spoken, and taken from her mouth.

Here followeth the Childs Speeches.

Which I have set down, and place over-against them such Scriptures as her words seem to relate to, though I cannot think that she ever had in her thoughts, or ever read many of those Scripture-phrases which she uttered, but God did specially help and guide her in her expressions, to the praise of his glorious grace in a poor weak unlikely Instrument; which may justify our practice in publishing these things, we not daring to put such a light under a bushel; and if you consider that these things were spoken by a Child not yet twelve years of age; and that when she was under such prevailing distempers, which took away her senses, and knowledge of any friend, & her speech at all other times; but whilst she uttered these things I hope it will render the meanest of her Speeches not contemptible things.

The Childs Speeches.

May the 10th, 1652.

Eph. 5.8. *I was in darkness, but now I am in light.* Labour for Christ, Christ is crept in again; clasp him in your armes, hold him fast: now you have obtained Christ, hold him fast.

1 Pet. 5.8. *Awake with that roaring lion, chain him up,* my God chain him up. Christ is come again: how sweet my Christ is! how good my God hath been to me to give me Jesus Christ! when you get Jesus Christ, hold him fast: do not let him go.

My God hath spoken a word of comfort.

Mat. 7. 7. *Seek, and ye shall find: knock, and ye shall have:* knock, and it shall be opened unto you: he bids me knock, and he will open.

Cant. 3.4. *How sweet is Jesus Christ! sweeter than gold and money:* if you have him, hold him fast: now we have him, we will not let him go: how sweet my God is! O how sweet my God is!

May the 20th.

Oh, what a God have we, that hath given Jesus Christ to dye for us.

psal. 63.8. *My God hath cast me down with his left hand, he upholdeth me with his right hand, but he will raise me up with both.*

My

My Christ is heavier than all this World ; weigh all the World and Christ, and he will weigh all down.

Oh what a glorious God have I, to give me his Christ to save my soul ; who would but trust him ? O trust in him, when all things in the World fail, he will not fail, he will stick fast to you, trust him, O trust in him.

Pluck Satan away, pluck him away, my God, let him not touch me, let him not enter into my soul.

My Christ is come again, Oh, how sweet my Christ is ! Oh how sweet he is ! those that feel the sweetness of Christ, they will trust in him, Strait is the way to Heaven, but my Christ is gone before me, and hath opened the gates, he hath laid up treasures for me in Heaven.

My Christ will not flye away from those that trust in him.

All the World is vanity, there is nothing to take pleasure in, but all is vanity and vexation of spirit, but they that know the pleasure and sweetness of Christ, they will stick close to him ; Oh labour to get him by faith !

Struggle, O struggle, let him not go, he is an everlasting good to those that depend upon him ; I desire to depend upon him.

Joy is in Heaven without sorrow, & comfort without discomfote, where Christ will wipe away all tears from the eyes of those that desire to depend upon him.

2 Chron.

15.2.

Psa. 125.1.

Learn to know the sweetness of Christ; for they that love him, he will never forsake them; and those that do trust in him, and live to him, he will never forsake them.

Labour for Christ; trust in him; Oh serve him, and get faith in him.

Labour to trust in Christ; and beleeve in him; those that know the sweetness of Christ, will embrace him, and never let him go; and he will embrace them, and never let them go.

Joh 17.24. Labour for Christ, that ye may have the joyes of Heaven with my sweet Father, and his Angels for ever.

Isa. 40.11. My Christ is come again, taking me up in his arms to Heaven: Oh, how sweet Christ is, embracing me in his arms, carrying me in Noahs ark to Heaven.

Oh, what a sweet Father have I, that doth all things in wisdom, for the good of my poor soul! My God will stick fast to me; he will never forsake me.

Labour to lay up Christ, embrace him in your arms, and when you feel sweetness from Christ, hold him fast. Oh, what a sweet God have I to rely upon! Now that I have obtained Christ, I will stick close to him.

Act. 11.23. My God doth all things in wisdom, he knows what is good for me.

Now my God hath pull'd back Satan that roaring Lion, and hath cast him behind me.

Oh,

Oh, what a sweet God have I! Oh how sweet
is my Christ! he hath laid up treasures in
heaven for my soule.

May the 21. *Whom I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous
therefore and repent.*

Rev. 3. 19.

Why did God create his Children? for his
glory; and why doth God afflict his children
for their good.

Come to me, all my children, & I will gather you
as a hen gathereth her chickens, & you shall sing
Hallelujahs with the holy Angels for ever.

Mat. 23. 37

Why should we desire to dye, when we are
in affliction, seeing the Grave praileth him
not.

Happy are they that appear with Jesus
Christ here, for they shall appear with him
in glory.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy
laden, and I will give you rest: Oh come to me
(saith my God) and drink of my drink, and thou
shalt never thirst: O labour for Christ.

Mat. 11. 28

All things I count but dung in comparison of
Christ.

Phil. 3. 8.

Get faith in Jesus Christ, and that will draw
you nigh to God; and not draw you back
from him.

Eph. 3. 17.

Call upon me in time of trouble, and I will
bear you.

Psa. 50. 15.

What a sweet Father have I to give me
Jesus

Jesus Christ who can but be thankfull can I
be thankfull enough?

Pardon, and forgive me all my sin, O let
not that roaring Lion get power over me,
pluck him back.

Deu. 10. 20

Isa. 26. 4.

Heb. 13. 5.

Cleave to Iesus Christ, trust in Iesus Christ,
and he will never forsake you? stick fast to
Iesus Christ, rely upon him: when all com-
forts fail in this World, he will never fail;
therefore stick close to him.

Get grounded in Grace, and pray to Iesus
Christ, never forsake him, and he will never
forsake you.

Labour for Iesus Christ, and if you get him,
what is all the whole world? if ye be poor in
this World, ye are rich in Iesus Christ.

Isa. 61. 1.

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If we could but get into Heaven, there is
comfort without discomfort, joy without sor-
row, where God will wipe away all tears. Oh
how happy are they that enjoy Christ to them
that enjoy him he will make way for them,
therefore labour to get Iesus Christ, and serve
him, and he will save you both from the dan-
gers in this world, & in that which is to come.

May the 24.

Labour for Iesus Christ, and to get faith in
him, and for the life of faith in Christ. Lord,
give us the light of Heaven, that we may see
Iesus Christ with our spiritual eyes, for we
cannot behold him with our mortall eyes.

Gal. 2. 16.

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Labour for the life of Grace; that we may behold the glorious God of Heaven; when all the light of our mortal eyes is gone; still there is light in Jesus Christ.

Come unto me, poor souly, and follow me; take up thy crosse, and I will be thy Saviour. Mat. 16. 24

Take heed of despising God; for fear that his wrath be poured upon you. Sam. 2. 30

If once we have obtained Christ, there will be no cause of mourning; but of singing and rejoycing; we shall then have no cause of mourning.

Christ unto me, thyself that are heavy laden, and I will ease you. Oh what a sweet God is this! Mat. 11. 28

O save me and defend me from that roaring lion, that goes about seeking to destroy my soul. 1 Pet. 5. 8.

When Christ, which is our life, shall appear in his glory, then shall we have light. Col. 3. 4.]

Pull back Satan; cast behind me; Oh Lord, thou knowest my whole heart depends upon thee.

May the 130.

Labour for Jesus Christ, get faith in Jesus Christ, and he will lock up your souls in his Cabinet, and keep you from that roaring lion which goes about seeking whom he may devour.

Stick fast to Jesus Christ, and Satan can have no power over you.

All that we should be led away with Sa-

tans temptations unto lies; to follow our cor-
ruptions; Satan labours to get a poor soul, and
when he hath got it he will cast it into hell.

Ah, is it not better to be with my Father in
Heaven, where we shall sing *Hallelujah* with
holy Angels for ever.

Follow not Satans steps, but follow Jesus
Christ steps, and he will lead you up to Hea-
ven.

Sing praises, sing praises to our God, for all
Psa. 47. 6. his mercies that he bestoweth upon us, and be
Psa. 103. 2 not ignorant of them, and forget them not;
for if we forget them, he will be forgetfull of
us.

Take heed of Satan that roaring lion, take
heed that he get not into you; for if he do, he
will sink deeper and deeper into you.

Labour for Jesus Christ, for when all the
helps in the World are gone, there is help in
Jesus Christ.

Lord, give us repenting hearts, that we may
repent truly; and come we to Christ, that we
may repent truly, that thy wrath be not pour-
ed out upon us.

Seek Christ, look for Christ till you find
him, never give over till you have found him;
when you have found him stick close to him,
and he will stick close to you.

Get faith in Jesus Christ; believe in him be-
lieve him in his mighty power; believe him
in his glory.

Lord,

Lord, give us the true light of Heaven, for we cannot see with our mortal eyes, but with our spiritual eyes we shall.

Oh what a good God have we, that never slumbers, nor sleepeth, but watcheth over his poor Servants.

Come, my disciples, take up your crosse and follow me, and you shall be saved; I will be your God, and you shall be my people.

Oh Lord, I desire to wait till my Glasse be run, for I long to be in Heaven with thy holy Angels rejoycing.

Those that hunger and thirst after Jesus Christ let them come and drink of the water of life, and they shall thirst no more; and when Christ their life shall appear, then they shall appear with him also in glory.

Come unto me in time of trouble, and I will save and deliver you.

Come, my people, enter in at the gates of Heaven, and I will guide you in it.

My soul, O Lord, watcheth, and watcheth till the glasse be run, to be in Heaven rejoycing with the holy Angels for ever.

Labour for Jesus Christ; what are we without Christ? we are but as a lump of clay or lead, full of corruption, and without the Spirit of God.

Oh, Good Lord, work a thorough work in us, that we may be like the holy Angels in Heaven.

Now

Now my Christ is come again, Oh that I could hold him fast, and not let him slip from me; Oh Lord give us thankful hearts to thee, who hath given us Iesus Christ thy dear son to take our sine upon him; all our sufferings are nothing in comparison of Iesus Christ's sufferings, he suffered the Death upon the Cross for us.

Lord, take away these stony hearts of ours, and give us new hearts, and take away those thorns out of our hearts, and give us thankful hearts: that we may be ever thankfull unto thee for all thy good gifts, that thou hast bestowed upon us.

May the 14th
 Isa. 53. 6. Lord, give us Iesus Christ, for without Christ we are nothing, but like lost sheep, that are gone astray.

Take heed that the temptations of Satan overcome you not, lest he cast you into hell.

Not into our ears, Oh Lord, but come into our hearts, and take away these stony hearts of ours, and give us new hearts.

Jer. 24. 7. How good is thy word, O God! how good is thy word! ground it not in our heads, O Lord, but in our hearts.

Pull back Satan, that roaring lion, which goeth about seeking whom he can devour and then cast him into hell; Oh follow not his ways, nor steps, for in them there is nothing but blasphemous

phemy and lying; but follow Christs steps,
and there will be rejoycing for ever.

Before that Christ take you up into heaven, John 14.
he will give you full assurance of himself, and 22, 23. &
lock you up in his cabinet, and keep you from 17. 26.
that hunting roaring Lion, and bring you in

If he conquer me, he will cast me into hell. 1 Joh. 5. 18
fire, but my Christ will not suffer him to touch
me, my Christ is stronger than he, he will not
let him prevaile against me.

My body is but worms-meat in the Grave,
but what care I for my body, so that my soul Job. 19. 26
be in Heaven with my God and his Angels.

Seek for Christ, and you shall find him; Mar. 7. 7.
hunt for him, and he will be found of you

*Straight is the gate that leadeth to Heaven, and
few there be that find it; but wide is the way
that leadeth to destruction, and many there be
which go therein.* Matth. 7.
13, 14.

The afflictions of the body are nothing;
but the soul is a rare jewel; when both body Pro. 14. 18
and soul are afflicted, then there is cause of
sorrow; but pray to God that he may sup-
port your souls.

Take my soul into thy protection, for if
both body and soul should be gone, then all
is gone, but when they are in thy hands, then
they are safe, then there is no cause of sorrow
but of rejoycing, and singing *Hallelujah* for
ever.

Trust

Trust in God, walk in Gods way; the more you walk in Gods way, the more he will give you his assurance.

Get into Jesus Christ, for in him there is joy and comfort, and no cause of discomfort.

If we could but get one touch of the sweetness of Jesus Christ, it would ravish our hearts, so that we should strive to get nigher and nigher to him.

Oh, What a good God have we! who would not trust in such a God? let us but eye God, and he will eye us, and the more we look unto God, the more will his power be exalted in us.

What if a man have not onely part, but the whole World, yet he can never be satisfied; and a poor soul that onely hath a desire after Christ cannot be contented; but when a poor soul hath gained all Christ, then it is satisfied.

A poor soul will be alwayes hungry, hungry, hungry, and thirsting till he have gotten all Christ, then he will be satisfied, and say he hath enough.

How loving and gracious is our God, that doth all things in wisdom, and mercy, and for our good in pity, and compassion.

Oh, how happy a thing it is, and joyfull for to see, when a poor soul is going to Heaven, and Christ sayes Come, poor soul, come, come,

come, and I will lock thee up in my cabinet,
and keep thee from sin and Satan.

He is an everlasting God, stick close to him,
and he will stick close to you.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be
zealous therefore and repent.

When we are in affliction, Christ is all in all;
but some in their afflictions are apt to say,
that God hath forgotten them, but whom God
loveth he correcteth; and afflictions are but to
make us stick closer to God, that it may be
for our good and comfort.

Let us sing praise to our God, and be
thankful; let us not turn back from him and
he will not turn back from us.

Whom God loveth, he correcteth in mercy.

Correction is good for poor souls, it maketh
them stick closer to Christ, and that they
may know him the more, both for his own
glory, and their own good every way.

As the father calleth his Child when he hath
done a misdeed and asks why he doth so? & gives
him correction: so God he gives his children
correction, but tis for their good & comfort.

God scourgeth and whippeth his children,
but he will not give them one whip, nor one
lash more then is for their good.

Just is God in all his dealings, he neither
slumbereth nor sleepeth, but is diligent, and
carefull in watching over his poor children.

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Isa. 42.1

Ps. 138.8

1 Cor. 11.22

1 Cor. 13.8

Isa. 27.18.

9.

Neh. 9.23

Pla. 121.3.

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Mal. 2.2.

Her Speeches.

Phil. 3. 8. Let us give him praise for all his mercies, lest he turn his blessings into curfings.

Heb. 13. 5. Labour for Jesus Christ, stick close to Jesus Christ, and he will stick close to you, he will never forsake you: till you have him, you can never be satisfied.

Labour to follow things according to Jesus Christ, for if we gain Christ, we gain in all.

When all helps fail, Christ will never fail you, he will never forsake you.

Let us labour to get into Jesus Christ, that we may be like the Angels in Heaven, and let us bend our mindes to Jesus Christ, for his mercies are greater to us than we can desire.

May the 25.

Come poor soul, come poor soul, see how God stretcheth forth his hand to an afflicted soul; thou hast been afflicted, but now I will take thee up into Heaven; God will take a poor afflicted soul into Heaven.

Good is thy Word (O Lord) to be esteemed not only in our heads, but in our hearts: take away these stony hearts, O Lord, that thy word may work a thorough work in us.

Oh take my soul, O Lord, into thy protection, and lock it up in thy cabinet, for I am afflicted (Lord) that I shall be in happiness with thee, and thy Holy Angels in Heaven.

Labour to get faith in Jesus Christ, and he will keep you out of the deep pit.

Trust

Trust in Iesus Christ, and be mindful of his wayes, and he will be mindful of you. He walketh, and neither slumbereth nor sleepeth, who would not follow his steps, and not Satans.

Lord, open thou our hearts and our eyes, that we run not head-long into that bottomlesse pit of hell and destruction.

Come, my Disciple, and take up thy crosse, and walk, and thou shalt be saved.

Pray for fixed hearts and souls in Iesus Christ, that they be not cast into hell-fire: God give us fixed and zealous hearts for Iesus Christ, and fixed for Heaven.

The Lord will not turn back from us, if we do not turn back from him; he will carry us up to Heaven, where there is no change, but joy, and rejoycing forevermore.

Trust in Iesus Christ, and he will rebuke your spirituall enemy: Satan is the greatest enemy to our souls; if he get them, he will cast them into hell-fire.

Come, my people, into my T'bernacle, and I will embrace you with my armes, and there shall be cause of joy, and rejoycing with God and his Holy Angels for ever.

If you can but rise with Christ, and seek those things that are above, he will take you up into Heaven, and looke you up in his Cabinet: if you can but rise with him, there will be cause of joy

Col. 3. 1.

joy and rejoycing for ever with my God, and his Holy Angels for ever.

If we can but rise so high as heaven, there will be cause of joy and comfort, and no cause of discomfort; if we be but raised so high as to see those things that are above, then we are happy.

Pls. 149. 1
& 6. verse. Come, let us sing a new Song, let the praises of God be alway in our mouths, and let them never depart out of our mouthes.

Come, and let us rejoyce and be glad with our heavenly Father, where there is cause of comfort, and no cause of discomfort.

Let us labour to draw nigh home, for we are not at home whilest we are here; let us therefore hunger and thirst after better places, we are but as pilgrims and strangers here, but we must labour to wait with patience till our Glasse be run.

Heb. 11. 13
14. 16. We are but as Travellers that travel to and fro, let us labour to come to an abiding place where there is no change, then there is comfort, then we come to that place that our soules thirst after.

Pls. 103.
1. 2. What a gracious Father have we! let us be thankfull unto him for his manifold mercies and blessings: what cause have we to give him praise for them? let us never be unmindful of giving him praise, and he will never be unmindful of us.

What

What a Christ have we that doth all things
In wisdom! Oh, what hath he done for us?
We can never suffer so much for him as he Phil. 2.8.
hath for us, he suffered the death upon the
Crosse for us.

Good is thy Word, O God, and to be effe-
cted of us; let us be not ignorant of it, let us
have a token of thankfulness in our hearts, let
us acknowledge it, that we may give God the
glory of it a gain: teach us the way that we
may acknowledge, and be thankful.

Come, my people, do not thirst, but come and
drink of the water of life freely, and you shall not John. 7.3.
thirst again. I suppose the mean, do not
rest in your thirsting, but come and drink.

Come, my people, follow me into that plea-
sant place: of heaven, and there you shall have
joy everlasting.

Put thy Spirit into our hearts, and take away Ezek. 36.
these stony hearts, that we may become new 36, 27.
Christians.

Come, my people, enter in at the Gate.
Strait is the gate, but I will lead you, and open
the Gate of that comfortable place, the Gate
of Heaven.

Oh, trust in God, and labour to be true
Believers: and he will free you from sin and
Satan that roaring Lion, that seeks whom he
may devour: put your trust in the Lord, and
then you will have cause of joy and rejoycing
for ever.

O God, thou art mercifull unto thy children; and the more we hunger and thirst after thee, the more mercifull art thou: Lord, we thank thee for thy mercies that thou hast bestowed upon us.

God is gracious in all his wayes and actions.
Let us trust still in God, if we do but trust in God, we shall never faile: although I be in a suffering condition here I shall be in a comfortable condition hereafter.

How sweet is Christ in his dealings and dispensations: he will not let Satan that cunning roaring Lion, do me any hurt.

Oh, ground faith in our hearts, Oh Lord, upon thy Son Jesus Christ: Oh, ground our hearts a right upon him, and he will provide for us, and take us up into his Kingdome, where there is no cause of mourning, but all joy and comfort for ever.

We are but as Pilgrims here, and stay a time till our glass be run, and then Jesus Christ will be our Protector and Guide, where we shall rejoyce for ever.

I will keep your souls in my Protection, I will rebuke Satan, that roaring Lion, for your sakes.

Note, that oftentimes she would have uttered words but could not, and then her lips would move so that I conceive some of her speeches were spoken in relation to something that she had in her mind.

and could not utter: and so in the last Speech
which is set down: and this may help the Rea-
der to understand some other of his speeches.

May the 26th.

Seek the things which are above: where Christ
sits at the right hand of God our Father: if we
can but rise so high, there we should have
cause of comfort, and none of discomfort, for
ever and ever.

Happy shall we be when we are raised so
high as to sit at the right hand of God our
Father.

God my Father hath chain'd up Satan that
roaring Lion, that he cannot enter into my
soul.

God doth sometimes suffer Satan to afflict
us, that we may be drawn nearer to him.

God lets us lye in afflictions, that we may
get good by them, and himself glory.

Let us praise God for all his mercies, and he
will shewre them down upon us the more.

The more we seek to give God glory for
all his mercies, the more will God seek to
poure down good upon us.

Though God do take away the comfort of
this World, yet he will give us comfort in a
nother World.

Gracious is God, and pitiful to poor souls:
when they call on him for help and faith,

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Lord.

Lord, I am helpless of my self, my help is upon thee, and I trust in thee, then he gives them help & comfort by faith in Jesus Christ. Who would but trust in such a God that gives us Christ, that we may joy and rejoyce? O how good a God have we, that doth rebuke the Tempter, and will not let him have us, though he strive to catch us. He would make our going to Heaven uncomfortable, and pull away our souls, but God will not suffer him; for those that God hath chosen, they shall receive comfort.

How gracious is God in all his wayes, and worthy to be esteemed of. If we doe not esteem of him, he will not esteem of us; he is angry with his people, it is but for a while: but with those that he is ever angry, he will say, Go; cursed into hell-fire, and what a pitifull case is that? God will stretch out his hand to a poor soul, and say, Come, poor soul, come, thou hast been long in affliction, but I will lay thee up in Heaven, there thou shalt be happy, and rejoyce for ever.

Our Father gives us his Son Jesus Christ, to save our souls, or we had been burning in hell-fire before this time, but our God is gracious to us.

Mar. 7. 19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Lord, open our eyes, that we may see Jesus Christ

Christ coming into our souls with white robes; we cannot see him with our mortall eyes, but Lord, make us to see him with our spirituall eyes; this would be the joyfulllest sight that ever we did see in all our lives.

What disobedient children are we that do not go when our Father commands us to go?

If you be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ himself sits at the right hand of God.

Let us have our eyes lift up to Heaven, that we may see Jesus Christ sitting at the right hand of God; and let us be thankfull for all his mercies, for if we be unmindfull of him, he will be unmindfull of us.

Lord, our hearts are empty, fill them with thy Spirit, and take away the corruption that is within us.

Why are our hearts set upon the world? there is nothing but pride and corruption in the World, and we poor finall creatures are subject to run head-long into the World. Lord, wean our hearts from the world.

Good Lord, give us grace, and the eye of Faith, that we may see Jesus Christ coming, though a far off, and that we may come nigh, and stick close to him.

Lord, give us faith, that we may trust thee, and believe in thee, and make us true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ; for we have no-

thing of our selves, but corruption to trust on, and that will flye from us.

How good God is, and mercifull to all his children, in delivering them from all the temptations of their spirituall enemy, which daily seeketh to destroy them.

Oh, come, my people, into my Tabernacle, and I will take you up into my Throne, and there you shall reloyee with me, and my Angels for ever and ever.

Labour for Jesus Christ, and when you have obtained him, embrace him, and he will embrace you; cleave fast to him, and he will cleave fast to you.

Acknowledge Jesus Christ, who is our Saviour; and when all things in the world fail, he will not fail, he will stick close to you, and not forsake you.

Let us be thankfull for all mercies, though they be but little ones; for when we are thankfull for little ones, he will poure more upon us; and if we be not thankfull for the least mercy, he will poure down great curses upon us.

Look upon the actions of God, and the more you look into his works, the more power of God you shall find in them; all that he doth, he doth it for the good of his poor children, and those that fear him.

May the 27.

Lord, purge our bodies, and purifie our

corrupt hearts, that thy Word may work a thorow work in us; call back, call back, that tempting roaring Lion, that goes about seeking whom he may devour.

What disobedient children are we, for that which God commandeth, we will not do; but that which he forbideth, that we do, and run on head-long to our own destruction.

If the Spirit of God once work in our hearts, then we shall be happy, and shall sound out the praise and glory of our God, for he is wonderfull in our eyes.

Lord, open thou our mouth, and let our lips *Psal. 51. 15*
shew forth thy praise; our God make speed to save us: O teach us to know Jesus Christ, for how will that ravish our poor souls to know our Saviour! and then we shall draw higher to Heaven, and rejoyce with our Father.

Come, my people, come, enter into my Tabernacle, and I will have mercy upon you.

Help, help, Lord, for Christs sake, that I may obtain that happy place; for there is comfort without discomfort, and joy without sorrow.

May the 18th.

What disobedient children are we for doing those things which we ought not to do, and in leaving undone those things which we ought to have done.

Come, my people, enter into my Taberna-

cle, and I will gather you under my wings, as a Hen gathereth her Chickens; and I will assure you of your salvation, and you shall rejoyce with my holy Angels for ever and ever.

Let us labour to get faith in Jesus Christ, who will gather us from our enemies; when a poor soul thinks he is cast down into Hell, then Christ comes and rayseth it up, then that soul will rejoyce with Christ, and he will keep it from falling into that deep pit, he will not let it fall again; who would but trust in such a God as this, that will give his children hearts to beleeve and fear him?

Labour to get Jesus Christ, for we cannot get him without pains: if we mean to be one with him. Oh how ought we to take pains and labour to know and acknowledge Jesus? we must struggle and strive for him, or else we can never obtain him.

May the 29th.

How good is our God, that takes pity upon a poor afflicted soul! for when a poor soul is going into hell, and seeth no help but in Jesus Christ, then it cries, Help, help, help, Lord; and then Jesus Christ delivereth that poor soul out of hell.

Labour for Jesus Christ, and seek for him; he is not easily gained, we must seek for him and take pains for him, or we shall never obtain him: unless we take pains we shall never find him.

Lord,

Lord, give us hearts that we may seek after
Jesus Christ, and that we may rely upon him
by faith, that we may be made true believers
in thy Word.

Lord, open thou our mouths, that our lips may
show forth thy praise: Lord, pour out thy Spi-
rit upon our souls, & it will make us draw
nigher and nigher unto thee.

Many are they, Lord, that cannot obtain
Jesus Christ, it is because they doe not take
pains: but let us rise, and be doing; for with-
out pains, we can get nothing: we must take
pains, and struggle for Jesus Christ, else we
can never obtain him. Joh. 6. 27.

Lord, fill our hearts with Jesus Christ, for
they are empty: fill them full of Jesus Christ,
that we may be able to live by faith upon
him: Lord fill our hearts with the knowledge
of Jesus Christ, for our hearts are empty: and
with the righteousness of Jesus Christ, Lord
enrich our souls, that we may enrich the
Kingdome of God.

Let us be thankfull to God for all his mer-
cies and blessings which he is pleased to be-
stow upon us: for the more thankfull we are, 1 Sam. 2. 30.
the more will he pour down his mercies and Pla. 10. 22.
blessings upon us.

How gracious is our God, that doth all
things in wisdom and mercy to his poor ser-
vants! he doth nothing to them, but that
which

which is for their good, in mercy and in righteousness. O Lord, give us true faith in the righteousness of Jesus Christ, that we may rely upon him for our salvation.

What a sweet thing it is to enjoy Jesus Christ! happy is that soul that doth enjoy such a gift from our Father.

If we should be thankfull all our dayes, we can never be thankfull enough; for he suffered the death upon the crosse for our sins.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins, and wash them away in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and then shall we be purified, and become pure Christians.

1 Theff. 5.
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Let us give praise unto our God for all his mercies and blessings that he hath bestowed upon us; let us alwayes be praying our God, and be thankfull, and ever thankfull.

May the 30th.

Rom. 1. 22
23.
Joh. 6. 44.

Lord, humble our hearts, and open our eyes, that we be not led away with Satan, and run head-long to our destruction.

We have enemies too many to draw us back from Jesus Christ, but there are very few that will draw us to Jesus Christ.

Psal. 119.
117.

Lord, take our souls into thy protection and keeping, for when they are with thee, they are safe.

Isa. 136. 2.

Let us sing praise to our God, for his mercy endureth for ever.

Lord,

Lord, take away our unbelief, and fasten us to Jesus Christ, that we may become new Christians. *Cor. 5. 17.*

Lord, wash away all our sins in the blood of thy Son Jesus, and purifie our affections, that we may become pure Virgins in Jesus Christ.

Come, let us drink of the water of life, and then we shall never thirst again.

Oh how happy are they that can but obtain Jesus Christ; for if we be never so poor in this world, if we can but obtain Jesus Christ, we shall have riches enough, for then we shall be rich in glory. *Eph. 3. 8.*

May 31.
The Lord give us faith, for without faith we cannot get Jesus Christ. *Eph. 2. 8.*

The Lord give us knowledge, for without knowledge we cannot attain faith, and without faith we cannot attain to salvation. *Rom. 10. 17. Eph. 1. 18, 19.*

If we can attain to the height of faith, we shall attain to the height of Jesus Christ; and if we attain to the height of Jesus Christ, we shall attain to the height of glory.

Lord, humble us under our burthen of sin, that when Christ who is our life shall appear, we may also appear with him in glory. *Math. 23. 12.*

Come, my people, call upon me in time of trouble, and I will bear you, and answer you. *Psa. 50. 15.*

Oh wash us, and cleanse us, that neither
Joh. 1. 7.
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Spot nor stain be upon us: wash us clean in
 Eph. 3. 27 the blood of Christ, that we may become new
 virgins, pure virgins.

Let us blesse God, and be thankfull for all
 2Chro. 20 these mercies that he is pleased to pour down
 22, 23, 24. upon us: let us be thankfull, yea very thank-
 full: for the more we thank him, the more
 will he pour down his mercies upon us.

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Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins, and
 give us hearts earnestly to begge pardon for
 them: if thou hadst not been a merciful Fa-
 ther, we had all been burning in hell-fire, we
 had been all burning and howling in hell-fire
 before this, but thou hast given thy Son Jesus
 Christ to dye for our sins: for his sake we beg
 pardon for them.

Lord, give us thankfull hearts, we have
 cause to be thankfull, if we had a thousand
 hearts, we could never be thankfull enough to
 thee for all thy mercies that thou hast bestow-
 ed, and showed down upon us.

Lord, give us thy Word, and ground it in
 our hearts: Lord, give us thy Spirit into our
 hearts, for without thy Spirit the Word is but
 a dead letter.

I will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

Jer. 31. 33. Lord, give us faith in Jesus Christ, for with-
 Titus 1. 1. out faith in him we can never acknowledge
 Col. 2. 2. Jesus Christ to be our alone Saviour and Re-
 deemer.

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She spake not again untill June the fourth.

Oh, my God, I give unto thee my soul, my body, and my heart, and all, hoping that I now am going unto that happy place, which I have desired so long.

June the 5th,

30 If a poor man which hath not a bit of bread, nor a broom to sweep his house with; all; yet if he have but Christ, he is richer then that man which hath all the riches of this World. Eph. 3.8.
Col. 3.3.

Who would but trust in such a God, that will save and defend us from all evil?

Who would but trust in such a Christ that will defend us from Satan, and all our enemies both bodily and spirituall? who would but trust in such a Christ, that will preserve us as he did Jonah, three dayes and three nights in the Whales belly? Luk. i. 74.
Jonah. i. 17

Lord, humble, humble, our stony hearts, that they be not putt up with pride and vanity.

How often would I have gathered you together as a fild gathered her Chickens under her wings, and ye would not, but were stubborn and rebellious. Mat. 23. 37

June

Her Speeches.

June the 6th.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered you together, as a Hen gathereth her Chickens, and you would not?

Let not our hearts be drawn after the vanities of this world, nor after the steps of Satan, which goeth lurking, lurking, watching and waiting like a Serpent; but follow Christs steps, for if Satan get you, he will fling you into hell-fire.

Matth. 7.
13, 14.

Long is the way to Heaven, and much adoe we have to get thither; but short is the way that leadeth to hell.

What disobedient children are we, that will not follow Gods commands, that which is evil he forbids us, and that we do; and that which is good he commands, and that we do not.

Lord, wean our hearts from this world; let us not be led by sin nor Satan: let not Satan get any power over our souls: if he get power over our souls, he will cast them into the bottom of hell for ever and ever.

Phil. 3. 8

This world is nothing but fading comforts, nothing but dross, loss and dung in comparison of Christ.

Mar. 8. 36

what are we better when we are in our pomp in this world, when we do nothing but pine in our souls, and our souls to be cast into hell, where there will be howling for ever and ever?

Lord,

Lord, pardon our proud worldly hearts, Mat. 6. 19.
for we are alwayes hungering after this sinful 21. 2102
world; where there is nothing but that which
will lead us into hell.

Oh, let us not gunger after this world, but
hunger after Christ.

Oh, what a loving Father have we, that Verse 33.
when a poor soul is thrown down as low as Joh. 6. 44.
hell, and is in great afflictions, then he sends Joh. 12. 32
Jesus Christ, and takes pity of that poor soul,
and lifts it up to Heaven!

Christ will look upon a poor soul with the
eyes of compassion, then that poor soul is hap-
py, and he will carry it to heaven, where it
shall rejoyce with God and his holy Angels.

Let us hunger for Jesus Christ, and when we
have him, let us hold him fast; and let us stick
close to him, and he will stick close to us; he
will be our Keeper, and our Saviour both of
bodies and souls.

Good is thy Word, and to be esteemed 1 Thess. 2.
drive it into our hearts, and not only into 13.
our heads, but into our hearts, that it may
work a thorow work in us.

Come, let us flye up to heaven as a bird in Isa. 40. 31.
the air; if we could get up as high as heaven,
we should be happy.

Joy, joy, joy, everlasting joy. Psal. 16. 1.

Come, let us sing praises unto our God with Psal. 95. 1.
mirth and joy, for we shall sing with our Fa- Marth. 16.
ther, 27.

Her speeches.

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Rom. 16.
20.

that, and his holy Angles for ever and ever.
Lord, vanquish Satan that roaring lion,
and tread him under foot, that he may not
overcome our souls by his evil wayes, watch-
ing every opportunity.

June the 7th.

22. 22. 22.
22. 22. 22.
22. 22. 22.

This night came one of those commonly
called Quakers, and all that came to her did
judge that then she knew none, neither could
she hear, or did ever mind what was said to
her, or in her company and this man and her
Uncle Captain in Hatfield, being in discourse
she uttered the words following at that time,
(which are very observable,) &c.

March. 13.
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Gal. 6. 7, 8
Mar 7. 17.

Take heed, take heed, that you sow not
Tares, lest you reap Tares; Every Tree that
bringeth not forth good fruit is hewen down and
cast into the fire.

Lord, give us faith in Christ, for without
faith and knowledge we cannot come unto
Christ.

John 4. 24.

Come, let us flye unto the Throne of grace,
as a Bird doth into the air.

Lord, give us zealous hearts for Jesus
Christ, for there is help in him, but there is
no help upon the earth.

Lord, resist Satan that roaring lion that
goes about seeking whom he may devour: let us
cleave to Jesus Christ, when Satan draws nether
and he will deliver us from that roaring lion.

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Lord quicken our dead and ignorant hearts,
which are stubborn and rebellious: (but be-
fore we be quickned, we must lye at the feet
of Jesus Christ,) for without we be quickned,
we are like an ignorant man that travells up
and down, and knows not whither.

Lord, humble these Proud hearts of ours,
and take that burthen from us, for Christ
saith, *Come unto me, all ye that labour and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

If we be dead-hearted we must lye down
at the feet of Jesus Christ, till he be pleased to
quicken us.

Take heed of despising God and his Ordina-
nces, for if we despise them, God will de-
spise us.

Set your affections on things above, and not on
things below; for your life is hid with Christ in
God.

Labour for Jesus Christ, and he will cast
out that spirituall enemy that would cast you
out.

Trust in Jesus Christ, for he is a trusty God
to trust in.

Let us put on the whole armour of God.

Oh, let us labour for Jesus Christ, and he
will be our Shepheard, and we shall be his
Sheep, he will lock us up in his Cabinet, and
keep us from sin and Satan.

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Mark. 9. 24. Lord, strengthen our unbelieving hearts.
 2 Tim. 2. 1. Let us labour to be strong in faith, and we
 shall be strong in Jesus Christ.
 2 Cor. 6. 10. Let us labour to be rich in Jesus Christ.
 Revel. 2. 9. though we be poor in the World,
 I have obtained Jesus Christ.

1 Pet. 2. 7. When you have obtained Jesus Christ, you
 Mat. 13. 46 have obtained a jewel of all jewels.

Let us be Partakers of the Word of God,
 Joh. 5. 39. and we shall be Partakers of Jesus Christ.
 48. 47. If we do not know the Word of God, nor
 2 Cor. 4. 4. be Partakers of it, we shall never know Jesus
 18. 17. Christ.

When we are but weak in body, and are
 true Christians, we should be strong in Jesus
 Christ.

If we be weak in body, our body loseth by
 it, but our souls gain by it.

Luk. 11. 22. Let us labour to get true possession of Jesus
 Christ, and then Satan that roaring lion can
 get no possession of us.

Lord, give us the life of Grace, to spring
 Joh. 4. 14. up in our hearts, that we may be drawn to
 thee.

June the 9th.

Joh. 17. 17. Lord give us the light of Heaven, that we
 1 Pet. 1. 16 may be holy as thou art holy.

If once Grace be ingrafted in our hearts
 1 Pet. 5. 9. then happy shall we be and blessed.

Let us trust in Jesus Christ, and he will
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Rom. 13. 4. **A** Let us struggle for Jesus Christ, and labour
Cant. 3. 4. for him, lay hold of him, and when we have
obtained him, let him not slip from us.

Let us give God the glory of all things, and
he will pour down all things upon us that
are good for us.

Luk. 11. 1. Lord, pardon our sins, and give us hearts
to beg pardon of thee for them.

1 Thess. 5. Lord, give us thankfull hearts to acknow-
18. ledge thy goodnesse, and to be thankfull for
every little mercy.

Lord, fit and prepare our unprepared hearts,
1 Cor. 13. that we may be prepared at the sound of the
52 with 58 Trumpet.

Let us labour to be married to Jesus Christ,
Revel. 19 and that is bet'er then all the marriages in
7. 8. 9. the world; it is an everlasting marriage: he is
Pla. 74. 26. the richest above all; he is an everlasting por-
John. 6. 31. tion; he that feeds bodies with natural food,
will also feed the souls of all those that be-
lieve and put their trust in him, with spiritual
food.

June the 10th.

Knock at the gates of Righteousnesse, and
2 Pet. 1. 1. Christ will open the door of faith.

Trust in Jesus Christ, and he will comfort
Pla. 27. 14. you with that word (Come, poor soules.)

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye
Eph. 6. 11 may be able to fight against the Devil and
Hell.

Lord, fill our hearts with the fulnesse of Je-
sus Christ, that no corruption remain in.

Lord, satisfie our hearts, for without thee
we cannot be satisfied.

Lord, give us faith in Jesus Christ, that we
may rest believing in him, for our hearts are
full of unbelief.

Lord, take our hearts off from this world-
ly trash, for this world is nothing else but

trash. Lord, humble these proud hearts,
that they may cleave, and stick more close to
Jesus Christ.

Lord, take these base and ignorant hearts
of ours, cleanse and purge them.

Let us not be forgetfull of Gods mercies, lest
we be forgetfull of God.

Oh how good my God is, that hath given
me Jesus Christ! Lord, fill me full of Jesus
Christ, that I may dwell with him.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins
and wash them away in the blood of Jesus,
Christ.

Lord, purifie our hearts, as the hony is pu-
rified from the drasse.

Lord, give us faith to beleve in Jesus
Christ, for without faith we can never attain
to Jesus Christ.

Let us lye at the feet of Jesus Christ, that
we may be raised to the height of glory.

Let us be thankfull for every good mercy,

Psa. 78. 34 for if we be not thankfull, God will hide his face from us.

Psal. 124. 7 Lord, keep back that roaring lion, and tread him under foot, he did lay his snare for me, but thou hast broken it, and I am escaped, as the bird from the fowler.

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I will hear you, and deliver you from all dangers in this world, and that which is to come.

Rom. 8. 40 Let us labour to attain to the height of

Heb. 10. 22 Righteousness, that we may attain to the

Eph. 3. 17 height of Faith; for if we do not attain to

18. 9 the height of Righteousness, we can never

attain to the height of Faith; and if we do not attain to the height of Faith, we shall never attain to the height of Jesus Christ.

Trust in Jesus Christ, and he will conquer that enemy that would conquer your poor souls; but God hath conquered him in me.

Come, poor people, let us rejoyce together.

Come, let us sing a new song for all his mercies that he is pleased to bestow upon us.

Lam. 3. 22 How great is the mercy of God to us in keeping of us from sinking down into that bottomlesse pit.

1 Sam. 2. 30 ult. Let us take heed of displeasing God, lest God displease us, and be angry with us.

Into the time of trouble, and I will hear and deliver you.

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I will hear and deliver you.

So then all they that put their trust in ^{Psal. 2.13.} God, and call upon him, shall be happy and meetre.

Cast down that daring Lion that goeth a-
bout to conquer my poor soul: if I do but
put my trust in Jesus Christ, he will conquer

Lord, give us righteoufnesse for without ^{2 Peter 1.1} righteoufnesse we can never get faith, and
without faith we cannot get Christ.

Lord, give us true repenting hearts for all ^{Acts. 5.3.} our
sins, for without this repenting heart we ^{Heb. 10.22} can never get assurance of our salvation.

Lord, ravish our hearts with the joy of Hea-
ven, that we may labour and take pains for
Jesus Christ, for without pains he will never
be found.

Joy, joy, joy, everlasting joy. ^{Neh. 8.10}

Lord humble our self-willed hearts that we ^{Luk. 1.46.} may be thankfull for all thy mercies which
thou hast been pleased to bestow upon us. ^{47, with}

Thou hast bin a loving and a mercifull Fa-
ther, bin we have been stubborn and rebellious
children: if thou hadst not been a gracious
Father, we had all been burning in Hell-fire
before this.

Comfort us, O Lord, with the seed of faith, that we
may be glad in thee. ^{Hos. 10. 12}

When we are in affliction, we must cry to
Jesus Christ for help, and he will help us.

June the 12th.

Let us trust in Jesus Christ, and labour for faith; struggle and strive for it, then our Father will give us his dear Son Jesus Christ.

Luk. 17. 10

Joh. 15. 13

We can never doe so much for Jesus Christ as he hath done for us; he hath laid down his life to save us.

Joy, Joy, Joy, everlasting Joy.

Ja. 4. 4.

Gods world and this world are not both alike; those that are of this world, they love the world; and such, if they do not suffer in this world, they must suffer in another world hell torments in Brimstone and fire for ever and ever.

We pray thee, good God, look upon thy poor unworthy people, and deliver us from all dangers.

1 Cor. 13. 45.

Lord, quicken us in thy Son Jesus Christ till we come to that joyfull place where there is no change.

Lord, fill our hearts with the fulness of Jesus Christ, that we may dwell with thee and thy holy Angles for ever.

Lord, keep our hearts close unto thee, and pull us forth of the snare of Satan that roaring Lion, and make us to escape, as the Bird escapes out of the net of the Fowler.

What a good God and mercifull Father have

have well if he had not been merciful to us, we had been all burning in hell before this.

Lord, ripen us; for the sooner we are ripe, the sooner shall we have assurance of Jesus Christ.

Lord, satisfy our unsatisfied hearts; if we had all the World, we should never be satisfied, but if we had Jesus Christ, we should be satisfied.

Col. 3. 11.

We are here like poor captives without grace in our heart.

Without thy Spirit, Lord, we are but as dry creatures, dry bones moford away, without thou breath the Spirit of life into us.

Lord, purge our unclean hearts, that we may be purified in Jesus Christ.

Mal. 3. 3.

Good Lord, look down upon thy unworthy Servants, and give us thankful hearts for all those mercies that thou hast bestowed upon us; lest all our mercies be turned into curses.

June the 13th

Come, leav suck sweetnesse from Jesus Christ, as the Bee sucks sweetnesse out of the Flower.

Isa. 66. 11.

Come, let us call upon the Lord in time of trouble, and what afflictions soever we are in, he will hear us, and deliver us.

Come, let us search these false hearts of ours; there is deceit in every corner of them; but wee must desire of God to help us to

Lam. 3. 40

Jer. 17. 9

Psal. 139.

23, 24.

search

Search them; lest your searching prove all in
Eph. 4. 6 vain.

Let us labour to get the truth of Jesus Christ
if we can but get truth of Jesus Christ, it will
ravish our hearts: first he prepares our hearts
for the work of faith; then he works faith in
them.

Isa. 29. 18.

Mar. 9. 22.

Isa. 8. 18.

Those that God hath chosen, he will pluck
out the blind eye that they be not led away
by him and Satan, and he will give them a
light eye.

Lord fill our hearts with the fulness of
Jesus Christ; that we do not sink into the
bottomlesse pit.

Isa. 62. 1.

Come and knock at the gate of righteous-
nesse, and wait till Jesus Christ come and o-
pen the gates.

Lord pull back that roaring lion that for-
pans that goeth about seeking to devour our
poor souls. God will but suffer him so far in
that we may stink close to Jesus Christ.

Isa. 55. 1.

Zach. 3. 2.

Lord shake that roaring lion, and chain
him up, that he may have no power over our
poor souls.

Marth. 24.

42. 44.

Prov. 16. 1.

Psa. 108. 1.

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Ps. 108. 1.

Lord prepare our unprepared hearts a-
gainst thou call.

Oh God, prepare our hearts, that we may
come before thee with thankful hearts for
every mercy that thou hast bestowed upon us.

Lord

Lord give us faith: for without faith we Heb. 11. 6.
cannot come to thee.

But the 14th. of the 11th. Chapter of the
Good Lord, enrich our poor souls, that we
may enrich the Kingdom of Heaven.

We have but day and ignorant hearts, Lord Psal. 143.
quicken them, that we may sit at the right
hand of God with Jesus Christ, frejoying
with him for ever. Marth. 25.
33. &c.

Good Lord, what shall we do, that we may
the Kingdom of Heaven. Acts 2. 37.

The Lord be with you, and you going to
change, and after shall never change.
I pray you pray that my soul may be preceiv
ous in the sight of God.

God is going now to finish his work. And
My God hath layed up Treasures for me in
Heaven.

John the 19th.

Me thinks I see the fine sights of Heaven, my
Christ embracing me in his arms, and let
ting me see the light of Heaven.

Then

Her Speeches.

Then she spake no more till June 27th.

The Lord of Heaven be with you all; though we part here, I hope we must meet in Heaven; my Christ is shewing me the way to Heaven.

Pray, pray, pray for some help from God, and pray that your prayers may be accepted of God.

These laudatory expressions of hers I conceive, might arise from this change, which now should be in the manner of her Disease; or now she had no more the liberty of speech given to her untill the twenty ninth day of July, and then

July the 29th.

About eight of the clock at night (as that was the ordinary time that she began at, and so continued some two hours with interualls to speak) she being in a stiffe fit, spake these words with a smiling countenance.

My Christ is come again I have obtained Christ. Now and again of won again I have my desire, I have now a crucified Christ.

Then she spake not again untill August 11.

About 10 of the clock at night.

Now my Father hath given me Jesus Christ again (I hope) to save my soul.

Now

Now I have obtained Christ again, a cruci-
fic Christ.

Let us put off the rags of sin, and put on the robes of righteousness.

August the 15. about 7 of the clock, she lying in
the same posture, spake as followeth.

My Saviour is come again that suffered
death upon the Cross to save my soul.

I was in darknesse, but now I am in light.

My Christ hath vanquished Satan that goeth about to destroy my soul.

Then she spake not again untill August the 17.

When she had the extreamest convulsion-
fit that ever; she was drawn with her face
turned behinde her, and one eye looking up,
and the other shut, and in that fit she spake
as followeth.

I will be with my God, and my God will be with me.

I hope my soul is precious in the sight of
my God.

I am not in the hands of the Devil, but in the hands of my God.

Which words much refreshed the spirits of her friends, who stood weeping by her to see her so sadly handled: then she proceeded.

My

Psal. 34. 7. My Gods Angell hath pitched their Tent a-
bout me, and will carry my soul into heaven.
2 Chron. 15. 2. He will never forsake my God, and my God
will never forsake me.
Heb. 13. 5. Take heed of flighting Gods mercies; for if
Psa. 28. 4. 5. we flight his mercies, he will flight us; if we
Isa. 5. 12, flight his mercies, he will pour his wrath
13. upon us.

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I will
relieve you, and shall deliver you.
Aske, and ye shall have a kinde, and it shall
be opened unto you.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may
be able to stand against the Devil, and all his
Angels.

Psal. 25. 14. Let us wait upon the Lord shall his time
Psal. 31. 15. appoynted, and he will save us; for our time
is of the Lord: we cannot have it when we
would, but when the Lord please.

Call upon me in the time of trouble, and I will
bear and deliver thee, and thou shalt glorifie me.
Lord, make our haughty and proud hearts,
that they be not led away with this world, for
we are apt to follow the steps of Satan, rather
then

then the steps of God.

First, he prepareth our hearts that they may be capable of faith, and then he worketh faith in them.

Lord, purge our rusty hearts, that they may be clean, that we may become pure Virgins of chiney; for if thou dost not purge them, they will be like rusty iron that lyeth long. Isa. 40.3.

My Christ will tread Satan under feet, he goeth about like a roaring lion hunting to destroy my poor soul, but he can go no further than my God giveth him leave, he hath a malice to my poor soul. Psal. 51.7.

Those that belong to God, Satan is always in perplexing and troubling them, but God doth but let him step in to make them stick closer unto God; if Satan get but one step in, and get in his head, he will strive to get in his whole body: the least opportunity he can get, he will seek it, and will not lose it. Luk. ix. 24

Let us cast off the rags of sin, and put on the robes of righteousness, and then we shall obtain Jesus Christ. 1 John. 16.
Phil. 3.9,
10, 12.

Let us suck sweetness from Jesus Christ, even as the Bee sucketh Honey from the flower.

Let us take heed that we do not let Satan get in his head, for if he do, he will strive to get in his whole body. 1 John. 16.

August 30. *at 12 a clock in the morning.*

Let us draw comfort from Jesus Christ, as the childe milke from the mothers breast; the harder we draw, the more we shall get.

Take heed you slight not God's mercies; for if you slight his mercies, it is just with God to slight you.

August 31. *at 12 a clock in the morning.*

Ezek. 36. *46. 11. 12.* Lord, cast out our stony hearts, and make them new, that we may be new creatures.

Lord, purge the drosse out of our hearts, and purifie them.

Let us stand at the gate of righteousness, and wait untill Jesus Christ see time to open the door of faith.

Lord, rebuke that crooked Serpent, that would destroy my poor soul; but my Father will not suffer him; he hath a malice to my poor soul, but God will but let him step in, and get a look in, but it is to make me stick closer to Jesus Christ.

Let us fear the Lord, that we may live in his fear, and die in his favour.

Psa. 98. 60. Let us take heed that we slight not God's mercies, lest he turn his back of us; if we do

do not fear him and serve him, he will flye Jer. 5. 24,
away from us, and then when we come unto 25.
him again, when he calleth us not, he will say Isa. 1. 12.
unto us, *Go ye cursed, into hell-fire for ever;* and to 15
will not accept of us, but cast us off.

September the 1.

Many there be that cannot attain to the Isa. 29. 24
height of God's Word, but if they labour for 32.4.
it, he will give it them.

The Word of God is but a dead letter, with- 2 Cor. 3. 6
out his Spirit be with it.

*September 2. at 4 a clock in the
afternoon.*

*The snare is broken, and I am escaped, even as
a Bird from the Fowl-catcher.*

God will not make the Cup so bitter, but he
will mix it with comfort, he will mix it with Isa. 37. 8,9
sugar, he will mix it with comfort, as well as
with discomfort.

September 3.

Prepare against the Grave open, and the Deut. 32.
Trumpet sound, that we may be in hopes to 29.
obtain a joyful Resurrection. 1 Cor. 15.
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September

September the 4th.

Let us labour to beleeeve in God, and trust in him; for he afflicts us to make us stick clofer unto him; he whips us with one rod; if that will not doe, he takes a second; and if that will not doe, he takes a third; and if that will not doe, he takes the fourth, that he might bring our hearts home to him, and that we might say, *It is good for us that we have been afflicted.*

Micah 6.9

Heb. 12. 10

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Job 5. 19.

Psal 119.

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Prepare, prepare against the mouth of the Grave open, and the Trumpet sound, that we may be in hopes to obtain a joyfull Resurrection.

September the 5th. at 3 a clock in the afternoon.

Let us labour for faith; the greatest faith, the greatest joy.

Let us labour to believe in Jesus Christ; no faith, no Christ; no faith, no Christ.

Rom. 15. 13

Eph. 3. 17.

11a. 26. 4.

Phil. 3. 8.

Col. 3. 2, 3

Let us labour to trust in Jesus Christ; all things are fading and transitory in respect of Christ. All things are but drosse and dung in comparison of Christ. Set your affections on things above, and not on things of the earth: for we are dead, and our lives are hid with Christ in God.

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Let us labour to trust in Jesus Christ ; if all things in the world fail, he will never fail. Heb. 13. 8.

Lord, establish, establish our hearts upon thee, and let us pray for faith and grace, and all other good things, and make us thankfull to thee for ever and ever. 1 Pet. 5. 10

Lord, give us faith to build upon thee.

Lord, give us faith to build upon thee, for without faith we can do nothing : no faith, no Christ ; no Christ, no Salvation. Mat. 7. 24. Heb. 4. 16.

Let us flye, let us flye, unto the Throne of Grace, as a Bird doth into the air, hoping that we shall shine before the face of the Lord, as a star in the firmament. Dan. 12. 3.

Lord, cast down Satan that Serpent, and tread him under foot, that seeks to devour my soul, but he cannot ; hee hath a malice to my poor soul, but chain him up Lord ; for hee is al-ways troubling and perplexing the Servants of God ; but those that hee hath overcome, hee lets them alone, untill hee cast them into hell, where they shall lye howling for ever and ever, where there is no end. Rev. 12. 10. Luk. 10. 18.

Lord, establish our hearts upon thee, and give us grace to pray for faith, and all other good gifts, and make us truly thankfull to thee as a Christian ought to be. Zach. 12. 10.

*September 6. at 4 a clock in the
afternoon.*

Lord, purge our hearts that are stubborne
and rebellious against thee.

Lord, purifie our hearts, as the Honey from
the droffe.

Again the same day at 6 a clock.

My Christ is come again, and he will never
forsake me: I will stick close to him, and he
will never flye back from me.

Luke. 1. 47
1 Theff. 1. 10.

Let us stick close unto the Lord, and trust
in him, and he will save us from all dangers
in this world; for with him in the World to
come there is no danger.

September the 7th.

2 Pet. 3. 18 Lord, grant that as we grow in dayes and
years, we may grow in grace and holiness.

September the 8th.

This day a Physician came to visite her,
being sent for by her Parents; they desiring
to use what means could be procured for
her: and it pleased God (whilest the Physi-
cian was there with her) to shut up her mouth,
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her teeth being set in her head, so as they could not open them; her upper teeth were drawn somewhat over her nether teeth; and so they continued (save only that the workings of the Convulsions opened them sometimes, and drew her tongue out of her mouth, I say, so they continued) untill the seventh of December following; all which time she lived with the least quantity of food that could be; for they put milk into her lips, and how any should go into her stomach wee know not, except some of it passed at each side of her mouth, where one tooth was wanting, and yet in this time she grew very fat, and her flesh very firm and solid, and she did look very faire and fresh.

Whereas you might rather apprehend that shee was a lean, dried, and withered Anatomy; and yet we conceiv'd, she did take down something, though before the setting of her teeth, wee could not perceive that she took any thing down, but spurted it out presently; onely by the effects wee gathered that she did receive some nourishment, because shee had the benefit of nature; but her stools were such as all that beheld them admired: they are round, of the quantity of a Nutmeg, very hard and like a peece of earth rolled in lime, and they have no smell.

Yet in this condition when her teeth were

thus set, shee spake in her stiff fits for several dayes as followeth,

September the 8th.

When Christ who is our life shall appeare, then shall we appear with him in glory.

Let us labour for Christ: if a poor man have but Christ, and have nothing else, he is richer
 Heb. 11. 26 than the richest man in the world.

Christ hath pulled back Satan that roaring lurking lion, that would destroy my poor soul; but my Christ is stronger than he, and will not let him.

Let us strive for Christ; happy, happy, happy, happy are they that have Christ.

Lord help us to build up a new Building
 2 Pet. 3. of thy grace; build them upon our heart,
 Heb. 13. 9. and establish our hearts upon thee.

*She intermitted speaking till September 20
 and then she said,*

Lord lay a new ground-work in our hearts
 Col. 2. 7. of faith, and make it stedfast; if thou graft it, it will take root.

My God hath vanquished Satan that hath such a malice to my poor soul, he would get in, he cannot, he cannot, my God doth but suffer him to step in, to make me stick closer ne-
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to him, and deter me from this diuellish wicked world. 1 Pet. 5. 8, 9. with

Lord, wean our hearts from the trash of this world, and give us Christ to be our portion, and he will be an everlasting portion. John. 5. 4 & Ep. 1. 6, 12.

Lord, Lord, work a new-ground work in our hearts; for if thou work it, it will stand; and if thou work it not, it will fall to the ground. Psa. 13. 12. Psa. 17. 14. Psa. 73. 26 Deut. 23. 4

September the 22th.

Her lips did move long before she could utter any words, at last she exprest her self as followeth.

Take heed you do not despise God's Ordinances, and his Word, which he spake out of his own mouth; for if you despise God's Ordinances, and his Word, God will despise you, and cast you on his left hand, and say, Go, ye cursed, into hell-fire, prepared for you. Heb. 12. 25

Let us labour to be Followers of Jesus Christ, and defie the fiery Darts of the Devil. Eph. 5. 1.

Let us labour to build our conversation upon the Lord.

Take heed of the Devil, for he is always perplexing and terrifying the servants of God:

but take heed, for it is more dangerous when he commeth in white, than when he commeth in black; for hee will but flatter you, and make you beleieve that hee will save you, and shew you fine things; but take heed, hee will but flatter you, and deceive you, that he may cast you into hell.

2Cor. 11.
13, 14.

September the 23d.

This night, and the other nights following till the 19 of October, she spake constantly about 8 a clock at night.

Lord, build up our hearts upon the High corner-stones which High corner-stones are the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Rev. 1.5. Lord, pardon all our sins; whether they be Scarlet-sins, or Crimson-sins, or sins of a double-die, or sins of ignorance, or sins of wilfulnesse; Lord, pardon them, and wash them away in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Isa. 53.5. It is our sins that is the cause of the sufferings of that thy Beloved One, thy Son Jesus Christ.

Joh. 6.44. No man can come to Christ, except the Father draw him.

Phil. 3.20. Let us struggle and strive to have our conversation in Heaven, and let us presse forward

to have our conversation there; for without
we have conversation in Heaven, there will
be howling and tormenting in hell-fire for e-
ver and ever; but in Heaven there will be life
everlasting.

Prepare, prepare against the day of death; ^{Heb. 9. 27.}
for when the day of Death commeth, then ^{Math. 25.}
after commeth the day of Judgment, and ^{46.}
then commeth death to the wicked, and life
to the righteous.

Take heed that Satan that roaring lion do
not reign in your hearts; for it is more dan-
gerous when he commeth in white like an An-
gel of Light, than when he commeth in black- ^{2 Cor. 11.}
like a Blackmore. ^{14.}

Lord, purge and purifie our drossie, igno-
rant, and corrupt hearts, that we may be fol-
lowers of thee; and wash us, and cleanse
us in the blood of thy Beloved One, thy Son
Jesus Christ.

Take heed that Satan get not power over
your souls; for if he get in his hand, he will ^{Pet. 5. 8, 9}
strive to get in his whole body.

Then shee laughed, and closed her Armes
and said.

Joy, joy, joy, everlasting joy.

September the 24th.

Lord, take away these stony, thorny, and
cor-

zach. 13. 9 corruptible hearts, and purge them, purifie,
and refine them, even as silver and gold is re-
fined.

Let the Word of God be written in your
hearts in letters of Gold.

Jer. 4. 3 Take heed you sow not good seed on thorn-
ny ground, for the thorns will spring up and
choke it.

Rom. 16. 20. My Christ will tread Satan under foot, he
hath promised to doe it, and he will fulfill his
promise, he will doe it, he will not fail, he is
to be trusted.

One glimpse of Christ is worth all the
world.

1 John. 5. 18. Lord, pull back Satan, that roaring lion, that
goeth about to devour my poor soul, but he cannot,
but he cannot touch it.

1 Pet. 5. 10 Lord, establish our hearts upon thee, and set
them stedfast upon thee, and fix them upon
thee, and change our hearts, and make them
new vessels.

Eph. 5. 27 1 Pet. 1. 19 Lord, wash us, and cleanse us in the blood of
thy Beloved One, and make us without spot
and blemish, even as thy spotlesse Lamb.

My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that lur-
king, roaring Lion, which goeth about to de-
stroy my poor soul, but he cannot enter in, my
Christ is stronger then he, he is an help to my
soul in the time of trouble, in the time of ex-
tremity.

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When a poor soul is going a Journey to Heaven, then Satan is always in troubling him; for he thinketh, if he cannot get power then, he can never get power; then he is busiest, he sheweth his strength, he putteth out all his strength.

Abstain, abstain from all vices in this world ^{2 Tim. 2.} that are so strong in us, as drunkenness, lasciviousness, blasphemy, and drawing into evill ^{2 Pet. 2. 11.} company and all other vices, lying and thieving; for if wee anger God, it will be just with God to pour his wrath down upon us.

September 25.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I ^{Matth. 23.} have gathered you together, as a Hen gathereth ^{37.} her Chickens under her wings? but thou wouldst not. Thy destruction is of thy self.

Let us wean our hearts from this world? ^{Hos. 13. 9.} for if it once get into us, it is hard to get out ^{Rom. 12. 2} again; wee toil and moil for our bodies, but ^{Psal. 4. 5.} which of us taketh that pains for our souls; wee are sooner filled with the trash of this world, than with our God; we are apt to seek ^{Mat. 6. 19.} into this world, but which of us looks into our hearts, and examines our hearts, whether they be for God or not; and whether we follow the commands of God? if we do not follow his commands, he will not hear us. The heart of ^{Pro. 28. 9;} man is false and hollow; a hollow hearted ^{Matt. 23.} man will shine on the out-side, but he is rotten ^{25, 27, 28.} within,

1 Kings. 8. within, he sheweth it soe to this world, but
39. God knoweth the heart of man.

Col. 3. 9. Seeing we have put off the old man with his
10. deeds, let us put on the new man which is re-
newed with knowledge.

Mar. 9. 17. Take heed you put not new wine into old bot-
tles, lest the bottles break, and scatter the wine.

Jam. 1. 23 Let us labour to lay hold upon Christ, and
24, 25. stick close to him, and follow his command-
ments, and not be like the man that looks his
face in a Glasse, and presently forgetteth what
manner of man he was.

Let us labour for Christ, and get faith ; the
Eph. 2. 8. greater faith, the greater joy : faith is a gift to
Phil. 3. 8. win Christ by ; Christ will not be won with-
out faith.

Many there be that will not beleeve there is
a God, but it is the littlenesse of their faith,
the weaknesse of faith : they are fools and do
not understand, that think so ; the fool hath said
Psal. 14. 1. in his heart, There is no God.

Mat. 24. 2 There are many that say, they have Christ
1 Tim. 2. 5 and they are Christ, but there is no more
Christs but one. Many there be that say, that

1 Cor. 4. 10 they have Christ, and they Christ, but they
Gal. 5. 24. do but make a shew to the world, and flatter

the world ; when God knows, they know not
what Christ is. They make a shew to the
world, and say, Christ is within them, and
Christ is within them, when alas they doe
not

not know what he is; they flatter the world, ^{1 Pet. 1.9} and they think to flatter God to; but alas, ^{and 2.20} alas the day of Judgment, the day of Judgment; alas, alas, they are blind, and cannot see, there is a mist before their eyes; they run, but ^{1 Pet. 2.7,8} they cannot tell whither; they stumble, there is a stumbling-block before their eyes.

Oh how happy a thing it is, and joyfull for to see when a poor Christian is embraced in those two armes of love, that beloved One, ^{Joh. 17. 24} that beloved One! those whom he hath chosen, he will take them for his own for ever, he will lock them in his Cabinet from all sin and sorrow and from the Devils assaults.

In the day when I make up my jewels, they shall be mine, saith the Lord. ^{Mal. 3. 17.}

She concluded with much rejoycing, but exprest no words.

September 26.

I am the true Vine, and my Father is the Husband-man: every branch that bringeth not forth good fruit in me, shall be hewen down, and cast into the fire. ^{John. 15.}

Those that I do not Chastise, they are not sons, but bastards, saith the Lord. ^{Heb. 12. 8.}

Lord, pull back Satan. that roaring Lion, which would devour my poor soul; but he cannot, but hee cannot, my God will not suffer him.

Obey the Commandements of God, and ^{Deut. 6. 3.} do

Exo. 20. 7 do not dishonour him, but honour him ; and
 Amo. 2. 11 do not abuse his Titles, Words, or Works : la-
 & 12, & 13. bour to make a right use of them ; it is them
 that we must be overthrown, or accepted by.

2. 7. 2. 2. Take heed you live not in a known sin, for
 if you live in a known sin, it is a double sin ;
 and if in a double sin, God will double his
 Judgements ; God will denounce against you
 the greatest Judgement amongst the Catalogue ;
 if you dishonour God, he will make you smart
 for it.

Luk 12.
 47, 48.

Take heed of Satan, that cunning Serpent ;
 beware of him, beware of him ; for he is al-
 wayes drawing and flattering us unto him ;
 and when he hath got us unto him, hell fire
 will be our end.

Joel 3. 19. Let us labour to forsake sin, and cleave un-
 to Jesus Christ, and let him be our safeguard ;
 margin. if you give way to little sins, it will bring on
 Eph. 5. 6. greater sins ; *For which things sake, the wrath of
 God cometh upon the children of disobedience :*
 if you give way to little sins, it will bring on
 greater sins, and then the greater will be your
 Judgement.

Lord, sanctifie it unto us, that it may take
 an impression in our hearts ; and worke it in us
 that it may take a deep impression in our
 hearts.

Let us labour to be partakers with that thy
 Phil. 2. 8. Beloved One, that suffered death upon the
 Crosse

Crosse to save us from all torments : had not Gal. 3.13.
 he suffered death upon the Crosse for our sins,
 we had been howling in hell this day; have
 we not cause to love him? have we not cause
 to love him, that suffered death upon the
 Crosse, that cruel death by the Jewes? if we
 should suffer never so much, we could never
 suffer so much for him, as he did for us; Oh
 have we not cause to love him? let us lay down
 our lives for his sake that laid down his life
 for us. What miserable creatures are we! so Isa. 53.1.
 that our souls be not saved, we never think of
 Christ's sufferings for us; we alwayes forget
 that, but we must remember it, at the day of
 Judgement the Lord will call us to an account
 for all these things.

In the day when I make up my jewels, they shall Mal. 3.17.
be mine, saith the Lord Jehovah.

September 27.

Lord, as thou hast fed our bodies with tem-
 porall food, so feed our souls with spiritual
 food.

Lord, work thy Word with faith in our
 hearts; unlesse it be written with thy Spirit,
 it is but a dead letter. Heb. 4.2.

In the beginning was the word, and the word Joh. 1.1,3.
was with God, and all things were made by him.

Beware of Satan, that Serpent that goeth
 about, and stands in corners to watch to van-
 quish my soul, but he cannot, but he cannot
 touch

1 Joh. 5.18 touch it, he cannot enter in, labour to have the foundation of life, that he may not touch it, which foundation is an everlasting foundation, it will stand, it will never fail.

Let us labour for Christ; for the stronger we are in Christ, the weaker we are in this world; the stronger we are in this world, the weaker we are in Christ.

Eph. 2.20 Let us labour to build our conversation upon the three corner-stones, which is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord Jehovah; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Lord, satisfy our unsatisfied hearts; for if a man had all the world, he hath not enough, but he hankers, and hungers, and thirsts more after the things of the world; but when we have Christ, Oh what can we desire more, what would we have more? Oh! what can a Christians heart desire more then that beloved One, that Jesus Christ? labour to have your foundation built upon that Holy One, that Holy One.

September 29.

Col. 3.9.10 Take heed you lye not one to another, seeing you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge, after the Image of him that created him.

Be wise in all your doings, and be ye present, be ye present before the eyes of the Lord:

Lord: Oh fear the Lord, Oh fear the Lord though you fear not men.

See that you serve the Lord above, with trembling and with fear: see that with reverence you rejoyce in him in like manner; Oh let us fear the Lord, that we may live in his fear, and dye in his favour. Verse 11.
Meeter.

Oh that we had hearts to observe the Commandements of God: if we had but hearts to observe his Commandements we should never run upon our own souls destruction as we do. Deut. 5:9.

Labour to spend your time well in this world of abomination and sin; for it is but for a little moment: and labour to repent before the day of Death, (for after the day of Death there is no repentance) lest you run head-long into hell fire to your own destruction for ever and ever. 1 Cor. 7.
29, 30, 31.
Luke 13.3

Beware of Satan, that Serpent, and give not way to his assaults, but despise them, and flye back from them.

Let us labour for Christ, and let us hunger and thirst after him; for one glimpse of Christ is better than a 1000 worlds; for one glimpse of Christ will ravish a poor Christians heart: for when a Christian is drooping and thinking that God hath forsaken him; then God out of his favour sheweth him one glimpse, and then goeth back again, and sheweth him but by glimpses and glimpses, to make him stick closer Cant. 5. 10
Hosea 6. 3

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ser unto him, even as a star that lightens and darkens, and lightens and darkens, to make the light shine brighter

She spake no more untill the sixth of October.

Come, my people, enter into my tabernacle. Having spoken these words, she fell into an extraordinary fit of laughing and tittering heartily, six or seven several times, as she used to doe in her best health, when she was over-joyed with any thing, and soon after fell into a mourning, and (as it were) wept in her breast, and then she spake the words following.

Beware of Satan, that Serpent, lest he reign in your hearts; for if he touch you, hee will creep in and in, like a snail; and if he get hold he will not be got out, unlesse Christ pull him off.

1 Joh. 2.3.
15.

Let us labour to follow the Commandments and Rules of our Heavenly Father. Oh, that we could but observe; and follow them; we should never have our hearts tyed to this world of abomination, and sin, as we have.

Come, all you that are thirsty, and drinke of one water of life freely, and you shall never thirst again, saith the Lord.

Joh. 7.37.

Ecc. 9.10,
and 11.3.

Let us labour to repent of all our sins before the day of Death; for after death there is no repentance: *As life leaveth us, so judgement findeth us.*

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Let us labour to have our hearts tyed to that Luk. 5. 4,
Beloved One, if we could but have our hearts 5.
tyed unto him, we should *never run astray like*
lost sheepe, as we do.

Twice she rejoyced and laughed very high, and
then she said,

My Christ, my Christ, shineth before me; 1 Pet. 1. 8.

Oh, have we not cause to rejoyce in him, that
shineth so gloriously before us in white robes?

Oh, trust in him; Oh, trust in him: Oh that
glorious sight, the Son of my sweet father.

Oh, let us labour to get faith, and let us never
be without faith, that we may reioyce in him
for ever and ever.

Lord, pull back Satan, that subtil Serpent,
and chain him up Lord, and let him get no
power over my poor soul, he alwayes malices,
and troubleth, and perplexeth the Child of Eph. 6. 16.

God, but he can get no power over me; I do
beleieve he cannot: I trust in thee, I trust in
thee, for thou hast promised that thou wilt
help me in time of trouble, and in time of ex-
tremity; thou dost but suffer him to look in,
to look in, to make me stick closer unto thee,
and to detain me from this vain, wicked, tran-
sitory world, and from his assaults.

Lord, wash us, and clense us in the blood
of thy onely-begotten Son, that we may be-
come pure Virgins of thine. Rev. 7. 14.
Rev. 12. 4.
Psal. 139.

Lord, help us to examine our hearts, and 23, 24.

look unto them, and search them to the bottom, and seek to the bottome to see if there be no drosse left in them; neither drosse, nor sin remain in them:

Let us not think too well of our selves; for when a man thinketh he is in the highest condition, then he is in the lowest; and when a poor doubting Christian thinketh he is in the lowest condition, he is in the highest.

Lord, humble our proud, haughty, ignorant and rebellious hearts that are not worthy to taste of the least mercy of thine; Oh let us be thankful for the least mercy that the Lord hath poured down upon us, and you shall see that he will pour down greater.

Then she laughed very much, and clasped her armes severall times and said:

Phil. 1. 28. Oh, let us hunger and thirst after the Holy
Ila. 1. 18, One; let us never be affrighted with Satans
19. temptations; *Though your sins be as Scarlet, they shall be as white as Wooll; and though they be like Crimson, they shall be like Snow: if you consen and obey, you shall eat the good things of the Land: but if you be stubborn and rebellious, you shall be devoured with the Sword, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it*

October the 8th.

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking roaring Lion, that geeth about to destroy my poor soul; hee watcheth and waiteth for every opportunity

nity to get in, but he cannot. My Christ will tread him under foot, that he can get no power of my poor soul.

There be many that say, Lo, here is Christ Matth. 24. 23.
and lo there is Christ, but there is no more crucified Christs, but one alone.

Oh, let us rejoyce. Oh, let us sing and rejoyce; for the snare is broken, and we are escaped as a Bird from the Fowler.

Wee are poor dry bones, Lord, breath a Spirit of life into us, that wee may become lively Saints of thine: for if thou breathest not the Spirit of life upon us, wee are but like dry bones that moscer away.

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins, whether they be sins of Omission or Commission, or sins of ignorance, or sins of knowledge, or sins of weaknesse, or sins of wilfulnesse, or what sort of sins soever they be; Lord wash us and cleanse us in the blood of thy Beloved One, thy Son Jesus Christ; there is not one day that goeth over our heads, but we sin every day more and more.

We poor nothing Creatures, that are not worthy to taste of the least mercy of thine; if thou hadst not been a mercifull and a pitifull God, we had been all howling in hell-fire before this day; but thou shewedst pity, and compassion upon us, or else wee had all been sunk into that endlesse pit; but thou gavest us

thy Beloved Son to redeem us out of that endlesse pit of torment.

Let us draw comfort from Jesus Christ, even as the Bee sucks honey from the flower; if the Bee find sweetnesse in own Flower, shee will not flye away to another; even so, if we could finde sweetnesse from Jesus Christ, we should not flye away from him as we doe; but we must labour for it before wee can get it; for how should the Bee get Honey from the Flower, unlesse it labour and suck for it? so how should we get sweetnesse, and comfort from Jesus Christ, unlesse we labour for it?

The Birds of the air have nests, and the Foxes have holes, but the Son of man hath not where to put his head.

October 9.

Col. 3. 9. Take heed you lye not one to another, for
Isa. 63. 8. the Lord saith, *They are my children, such as will not lye.*

Take heed you despise not Gods ordinances, nor his Instruments that hee hath sent to preach his Word. God will but let you go on with your own delusions for a time, but there will come a day of Judgment to try whether you be right or false: hee is the Judge of all Judges, is a true Judge, that will try whether you be right or false.

Eph. 4. 23, 24. These stony hearts of ours Lord renew them with the knowledge and righteousness of

of Christ thy *only begotten Son*, in whom thou art well pleased.

Lord, quicken these thorny, dead, ignorant and carnall hearts of ours, that are so set upon the world, wherein there is nothing but *vainity and vexation of Spirit*: for what is a man better, if he have all the world and have not Christ? for he is always hungry after more, for how can a round thing fill a three cornered? so this world cannot fill our hearts, nor give us satisfaction; why should wee be so in love with this world? when we depart, we cannot take it with us, we must leave it behind us, wee must change either for a better life or a worse, either for life of torment, or a life of joy.

Let us labour to forsake sin, and live unto righteousness, that we may have our conversion built upon the Lord substantially: if it be built on soft ground, it will fall; but if it be built upon that substantiall rock, it will stand for ever.

October 10.

Lord, renew us with thy Grace, that wee may be fit to come to the School of Christ, to learn the lesson of faith.

Lord, cast out the old man, that hee may not take root, that wee may become new li- vers, and when that old man is cast out, labour to draw neerer and neerer unto Christ.

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Take heed you live not in a known sin, for
 2Pet. 2. 22 if you live in a known sin, and wallow in sine
 even as a sow doth wallow in the mire, it is
 dangerous.

Job 34. 32 Lord, Lord, *that which I know not, teach thou*
 me, and I will learn.

Psal. 139. ult. Let us search the secrets of our hearts, lest

Psal. 37. 7. there be any weeds scattered amongst them.

Waite and be patient, whatsoever the Lord
 Job 1. 18, pleaseth to lay upon you, as patient Job, in all
 19. his afflictions he was patient. When owne came

Ver 21, 22. and told him, that all his Children went to
 feast at their elder Brothers house, and the
 house fell upon them he said, It is the will of
 the Lord, why should not I be contented? *The*

Job 2. 9, 10 *Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be*
the name of the Lord: and his wife came to him
 and bid him curse God and die: then he said,

Job 1. 14. *Oh thou foolish woman, shall wee receive good at*
 15, 16, 17. *the hands of God, and shall wee not receive evill?*
 then there came another to him and told him
 that his Goods were all gone and devoured;
 yet Job was in the same minde that he was be-
 fore, and said, *The Lord giveth and the Lord ta-*

Job 19. 25 *ketb away, blessed be the name of the Lord:* and
 26, 27. *Job was patient in all his afflictions, and was*
 confirmed that his soule was precious in the
 sight of the Lord.

Lord cast down Satan, that Serpent, and
 chain him up, that he may get no power over
 my poor soul. Lord

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, that are so blown up with the pride and vanities of this world, if we did but look into and examine our hearts, we should not please the flesh so as we do, but whilst we are in the flesh, we are apt to follow the lusts of the flesh. Gal. 5. 17.

Oh let us labour for that Holy One, that Holy One, that Jewel, that precious Jewel, that Jewel, of our Heavenly Father, that Jewel of all Jewels. Mar. 13. 46.

Oh what can a christian heart desire more than a Christ, than a crucified Christ? Cor. 3. 22.

Oh if we can gain but Christ, we have all, we have all.

Oh that we had but hearts to conceive the preciousnesse, the sweetnesse, and holinesse of that Beloved, that Christ.

Oh that we could but have Christ set upon our hearts aright. Gal. 4. 19.

Oh let us glorifie him in all things, all honour and glory be given unto him, to whom it belongeth.

Otober the 11th.

Lord, pull back that subtile Serpent, he is so subtile, that he is alwayes seeking in corners to devour my poor soul, but hee cannot; my Christ is stronger than he: and when he seeth that he cannot get power over the Childe of God, then he goeth away murmuring and repining.

Faith

1 Cor. 13. *Faith, Hope, and Charity; and the chiefest of these is charity; Charity is Love, is love in Christ; Faith is a gift of Christ; and hope is hope to gain Christ.*

Oh let us pray for faith and all other good
 Heb. 9. 24 *graces that are necessary for us, and let us pray earnestly unto Christ, that he may pray for us in Heaven: and if he pray for us, we shall be sure to be heard.*

1 Pet. 5. 7. *Let us cast our care upon the Lord, in all calamities; for he hath bid us cast our care upon him, and he will care for us.*

October the 12th.

Joh. 7. 37. *Come all you that are a thirst, and drink freely of the Spring-well-water of life, and you shall never thirst again.*

My Christ hath pull'd back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that goeth about to destroy my poor soul; but if God bid him be gone, he must be gone, my God will pull him off me, I hope; if you watch not to him as well as he watcheth to you, he will flatter & deceive you, as he would have done our Saviour Christ, if hee had had that power, but he had not that power, When he set him upon the Pinnacle of the Temple, and shewed him all the Kingdoms of the World, and the glory thereof, and said, *All this will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me:* If we do not look unto his corners, he will get and command power over us, as he thought

thought to have done over our Saviour Christ when he said unto him, *If thou be the Son of God, cause these stones to be made bread.*

Lord open the eyes of the blind, that they may see clearly into the errors of sin. *Iſa. 29. 18.*

Depend upon the Lord in all your extremities and calamities, and when his appointed time is come, he will release.

Cast your selves into those arms of love, and he will be your Saviour.

October the 14th.

She rejoyced very much, and then had an exceeding great and long conflict, and then she rejoyced again, and said,

My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that goeth about to devour my poor soul, but he cannot, but he cannot come neer it, my Christ is stronger then he, my God doth but let him step in, to make me relye more upon him.

Lord, humble these proud, ignorant, & carnall hearts of ours, that we be not led away with this world, and the vanities in it, & let us not tast of them; for if we tast of them, they will enter into us more and more; if we could but tast of the sweetnesse of Christ, we shall be tyed unto him more and more, and flye back from the world & desire him more and more. *1 Pet. 2. 3.*

Then she had another great rejoycing fit, & stretched out her armes, and said,

Let

John 15. 5.
6.

Let us stick close to that Holy One, and he will stick close to us; but if we sit loose from him, he will sit loose from us.

Take heed of living in a known sin, for if you live in a known sin, it is dangerous; for if you live in a sin you know you are guilty of, it is dangerous; O look back unto your selves, & labour truly to repent, lest your sins be hardned, and God turn his back of you, for if they once be hardned, it is hard to get them off again.

Take heed you live not in known sins, as drunkenness, lasciviousness, blasphemy, and keeping of evill company, and all other vices; labour to repent of them, and say, *Lord, that which I know not, teach thou me, if I have done iniquity, I will do so no more.*

Job 34. 32

October the 15th.

Let us hunger & thirst after that holy One, and not follow the vanities of this world, as we do, the vanities of this world of abomination and sin.

Let us labour to forsake sin & this world, and all things that are therein, and stick close unto Jesus Christ, that holy One, and not be like the Swine that regard acorns more than pearls.

Let us labour to have our conversation built upon the Lord stedfastly: let us labour to have our foundation of life built upon that substantial rock stedfastly, for if it be built upon sandy ground, it will fall; But if it be built upon that stedfast

stedfast rock, it will stand for ever and ever.

Lord, pull back Satan, that Serpent, that goeth about to devour my poor soul; but he cannot, he cannot, hee cannot enter in, my Christ will give him no power.

Let us labour to forsake sin, and live unto righteousness, and truly repent of our former sins, which we have sinned, which we have committed formerly, let us truly repent of them.

Oh let us cry aloud unto the Lord, in the time of extremity and calamity, and he hath promised that he will give ear unto us:

October the 16th.

Oh let us trust in the Lord, for he is a trusty One, he is to be trusted: let us cast both our bodies and soules into the hands of that ever-living and glorious God, for he hath bid us to cast our cares upon him, and he will care for us.

If we should trust a carnall man that hath no care of his salvation, but of the trash of this world, he is so greedy of it, and hungers and thirsts after it, that he thinks that that will make him; but the nearer we are to the trash of this world the farther are we off of God: if we could but hunger and thirst after the riches of Christ, wee should not hunger after the riches of this world, as we do.

Oh that wee had hearts to conceive the riches of Christ from the riches of this world; for we thinke that the riches of this world

1Pet. 2.24.

2Thes. 3.3

1Pet. 5.7.

Psa. 146.3.

James 4.4

John 4.14.

Pro. 3.13.

14. 149.

Psa. 49.11.

12.

Pro. 1.32. world will be the making of us; but alas, alas,
 1 Cor. 1.20 they will be the undoing of us; *the wisdom of
 man is foolishness, but the wisdom of God is right-
 eousness.*

October the 17th.

Rev. 7. 14. Lord Lord, wash us, and cleanse us in the
 & 14. 4. purity of thy onely begotten Son, in whom
 1 Pet. 1. 16. thou art well pleased, that wee may become
 Mat. 5. 48. pure Virgins of thine; for without we be in
 Heb. 12. 14. some part holy, as thou art holy, and in some
 2 Cor. 15. part perfect, as thou art perfect, we can never
 50. enter into the Kingdom of God, into the
 Kingdom of Heaven.

Resist the Devil and he will fly back from you :
 he will go away murmuring and repining at
 you: take heed he enter not into your hearts;
 Joh. 13. 2. for if he do, he will leave corruption behinde
 him, even as a snail leaveth slime behind it:
 so he leaveth the corruption of sin behinde
 him. The corruption of the Diuel will shew
 it self, and the holy righteousness of God will
 shew it self; but there is a great deal of difference:
 Acts 13. 10. for where the corruption of Satan re-
 maineth, there is nothing but lasciviousnesse,
 2 Cor. 5. 17 blasphemy, lying, threatning, and keeping of
 evil company: but where the purity of Christ
 remaineth, there is upright dealing, righteou-
 nesse and true holinesse.

Eph. 5. 18 Lord fill us with thy spirit; Lord, endue us
 Luke 24. with the Spirit of Christ, for where the Spirit
 49. of

of Christ remaineth, there can no corruption enter in.

Oh let us labour for the riches of Christ; for if a poor man that is never so poor, hath but the riches of Christ, he is accepted of God; for with the Lord there is no respect of persons.

Rom. 8.10
13.
Jam. 2. 5.

October the 18th.

Trust in the Lord Jehovah, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Let us labour for faith; the greater faith, the greater joy; faith is the beginning of wisdom: it is the first thing that doth belong to a Christian. Oh if we could but get faith, it would carry us above all; it would carry us from the lowest earth, to the highest heaven.

Rom. 15.
Heb. 11.
33. &c.
Eph. 2.8.
Act. 17.28

Oh let us labour for Christ, that Holy One. by whom we live, move, and have our being.

Jer. 42.20

Lord, sanctifie our un sanctified hearts, and keep us from dissembling; for if we dissemble with man, we shall not dissemble with God: there are many false hearts in this world, but God knows them; God knows their coming in and their going out; though hypocrisie be hid from man, it cannot be hid from God: God knowes our thoughts, words, works, actions: The heart of man is deceitful, but God can find it out. God knows every work we do, every word we speak, every thought we think, and we must answer for them one day: the Lord will call us to an account at the day of Judgement, he is

Hos. 11.12.
Psal. 139.
2.3.
verse 2.
Jer. 17.9.
Rev. 2.2.11
Eph. 12. 14
Rom. 14.
12.
2Cor. 5.10

a righteous Judge, he will judge righteously; if we deal not uprightly with man, we shall not deal uprightly with God:

Lord, soften these stony, ignorant, hard, and carnal hearts of ours? Lord, mollifie them with thy graces, with all thy gracious gifts, as saith that we may be fit to enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

Oh let us be patient, untill the appointed time of the Lord; he waits on us, but we cannot be contented to wait upon him; we could be contented to be all our lives without afflictions; but if we should not know affliction, we should not know comfort. We should be so taken and blown up with comfort, that we should not know our selves; if we should not have discomfort mixt with comfort, wee should value it so much, that we should value the creature more than the Creator.

October 19. about 4 a clock in the afternoon

Mat. 7. 24. Let us labour to be Followers of that Beloved One, he that doth not the Will of my Father which is in Heaven, he is not worthy of the Lord.

Oh let us put off the rags of sin, and put on the robes of righteousness, that we may be fit to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Again, the same day about eight of clock she spake, and she did keep to that hour untill November 21.

Narrow

Narrow is that way that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it; but wide is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go therein. *Matth. 7.*

Oh let us labour for Christ that Love, that Dove, that undefiled one; he is the door-keeper, he will lead us from the gates of hell unto everlasting life. *Heb. 7. 26. Joh. 10. 7. with 3. & 9.*

Lord, pull down those that have a mind to pull down thee, and raise up those that have a desire to raise up thee.

Lord, give us patience to wait upon thy time appointed; wee would bee all our lives without affliction, but it is for our good; not for our hurt, but for our good; thou dost not chastise us for our hurt, but for our good; for the Lord hath said, they are not my children, but bastards, whom I doe not chastise. Oh why should not we wait upon him that waiteth alwayes upon us? why should not we be patient? but we are so naughty, and full of corrupt nature, that we cannot be contented to wait upon him till our Glasse be run; he waiteth and watcheth over us every hour & minute: when the time appointed cometh, he can raise any of us up, even as he did the Maid, when she said, *Arise, and be whole, and she arose, and was healed.* *Mar. 5. 4. Heb. 12. 10 & vers. 9.*

Oh why should we not be contented, for his arm is not shortened, nor his power diminished; *Isa. 59. 1.* therefore why should not we be contented?

In

In this world while we are in affliction, we thinke it is miserable and grievous; but hereafter it will be sweetned; while we are in affliction we thinke it is miserable and grievous; but the Lord will sweeten it with the cup of mercy; the Patient must taste of a bitter potion before his stomach be cleared.

Mat. 7. 2. Oh let us labour to feare the Lord, that we may live in his feare, and dye in his favour; or as we do, so we must look to be done by.

October the 20th.

Eph. 6. 1. *Children, obey your parents in all things, knowing that it is well pleasing unto the Lord.*

Matth. 26. 39. Oh let us labour to have our wills melted into the will of that everliving & glorious God.

Matth. 11. 25, 26. The secrets of God are hid from man, and his wayes are past finding out; but the Lord will reveal them to his children in some part when his time appointed is come.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, and endue us with the gift of Humiliation.

Oh let us labour to returne thanks unto the Lord for all his mercies that hee hath poured down upon us; for the way of begetting more, is to return thanks unto the Lord, and to give reverence unto him; we reverence our earthly fathers, our natural fathers, Oh why should not we much more reverence our heavenly father?

Heb. 12. 9.

Oh let us labour to forsake this world, and all things that are therein; for there is nothing that is desirable.

Oh

Oh let us labour to stick close unto that ho-
ly One; for when all things in the world fall, Heb. 13.
hee will never fail, hee will stick close to us, 5. & 8.
when all things in this world decay and mo-
scer away, he will be an everlasting rock.

Lord, open our blinde eyes, that we may see
clearly the weaknesse of our selves, and the
strength of Christ.

Oh let us labour to lead our lives and con-
versations well in this life; for as we do, so we
must look to be done by, if we sow unto the
flesh, we shall reap corruption; but if we sow
unto the Spirit, we shall reap life everlasting.

October the 21 th.
Let us labour to repent of all our sins which Gal. 6. 8.
we have lived in formerly, which liech unre-
pent of; for after the day of death there is no
repentance; as life leadeth us, so judgment finds
us.

October the 22 th.
Oh let us cast our care upon the Lord, for he
will care for us, he hath promised to be a father
to the fatherlesse, and a husband to the widow.

Lord, pull back Satan; that lurking rear-
ing lion, that goeth about to devour my poor
soul, but he cannot, my Christ will tread him
under foot, that he can get no power over my
poor soul.

Lord, graft thy word into our heads, and not
only into our heads, but into our hearts also.
We are poore Earth-wormes, Lord, breath into

us the breath of life, that we may become lively Saints of thine, and that we may sing *Hallelujahs* with thee in the highest Heavens.

Take heed you lie not one to another, for if you goe in that way, the Devill will take that occasion to pour in more corruption.

Lord, mollifie these hard hearts of ours with thy graces, they are so hardened with sin and corruption. *October the 24th.*

Iſa. 29. 18

Mat. 13. 14

Lord, open the eyes of the blinde, that they may see clearly the purity that is in Christ, & the corruption that is in themselves; they see & perceive not, they hear and understand not.

Lord, enrich our souls with thy graces, that we may be instruments to enrich the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that goeth about to destroy my poor soul; but he cannot: my Christ will give him no power: he will not let him touch it. He doth what he can to get victory; but he cannot: my Christ will not let him. The diuel maliceth the Childress of God: he is alwayes busiest about them, and flattering them; he is alwayes thinking to make them fear him; & flattering them, and thinking to overcome them; but those whom God hath chosen, he will take them for his own; the poor doubting Christians the devill is alwayes putting fears and doubts into them; but when he thinks they are in the low-

1 Cor. 10.

12.

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est condition, they are in the highest; and when a man thinketh he is in the highest condition, he is in the lowest; when a poor doubting Christian thinketh he falls, he stands; & when a man thinketh he stands he falls. 1 Cor. 10. 12.

Lord, take away these hearts of stone, and renew us with hearts of flesh.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, that wee may not bee swallowed up with the vanities of this world; we are apt to be drawn to the vanities of this world, and to flye back from Christ. O what disobedient children are wee, that follow not the commands of so loving a Father: that which he biddeth us to do, that we do not; and that which he biddeth us not do, that we do. 1 Tim. 4. 10.

Oh let us labour for faith, for he that is faithful until death, he shall enjoy the crown of life. Rev 2. 10.

October the 25th.

Come my people, enter into thy chamber, shut the door upon thee, hide thy self for a little moment, untill the indignation of the Lord be over-past. Isa. 2. 10. Matth. 10.

He that doth not the will of my Father, which is in Heaven, he is not worthy of me, saith the Lord. 37, 38.

Take heed you sow not good seed upon thorny ground, lest the thorns spring up, and choak it. Jer. 4. 30. Mat. 13. 7.

My Christ hath pulled back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, which goeth about to devour my poor soul; he maliceth my poor soul,

and thinks to get the victory, but he cannot.

1 Pet. 1. 19.

Joh. 1. 29.

1 Joh. 2. 2.

Oh let us labour to be partakers with that Beloved One, that immaculate lamb of God that spotlesse lambe that laid down his life to take away the sins of the whole world;

Oh let us labour for faith, that rich grace of our God; Lord, pour it down upon us, that is, that rich grace of eternitie, that is, the grace, by which we must either live or dye; without we have that grace, wee shall never come to God, we shall never come to Christ. Oh let us labour for faith; O let us labour for faith; no faith, no Christ; no Christ, no salvation.

Mat. 3. 16.

Acts 13. 9.

Rom. 15. 19.

Lord, as thou hast fed our bodies, with temporall food, so feed our souls with spirituall food, that we may be able instruments to enrich the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lord, endue our spirits with the gift of humiliation: for the Spirit of God is an humble Spirit, a meek Spirit, a holy Spirit, a full Spirit; it acts powerfully, & breaths where it listeth.

Isa. 26.

Isa. 1. 18.

19, 20.

Trust in the Lord Jehovah, for in the Lord Jehovah is our everlasting strength.

Come my people, let us reason together; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as woolle; though they be like crimson, they shall be as white as snow; if you consent and obey, you shall eat the good things of the Land; but if you be stubborn and rebellious, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

October the 26th. *Come, all you that are athirst, and drink freely of the Spring well water of life, and you shall never thirst again.* Joh. 7. 39. and 4. 14. Rev. 22. 17 2 Pet. 2. 25.

Oh let us labour to have our hearts tied to that immaculate Lambe, that we do not run away like a lost sheep into this world, as we do; wherein there is nothing but vanity and vexation of spirit.

My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that labours to eclipse my comfort; but he cannot, but he cannot, he cannot get no power; hee maliceth the good of my poor soule, but he is never the nearer for that; as much as he seeks to discomfort me, so much the more there is one above that comforts me. 2 Cor. 1. 5.

The works of God are wonderful, and his wayes past finding out; the wisdom of man is foolishness, but the wisdom of God is righteousness. Rom. 11. 33.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, that they be not blown up with the vanities of this world; for we are apt to become backsliders from that which is good, and to be followers of that which is evill. Heb. 2. 4. with Heb. 10. 38.

Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest, saith the Lord. Matth. 11. 28.

In the day when I make up my Jewells, they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts. Mal. 3. 17.

October the 27th. *As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten, be zealous therefore and repent.* Revel. 3. Oh

Psal. 50.

Luk. 18.

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2c.

Isa. 62. 6.

7.

Gen. 32.

24, 26.

Oh let us call upon the Lord in time of trouble, and he hath promised that he will hear us. Oh let us charge the Lord with his promises, for he loveth to be charged with his promises, of his Children, and he will give more attentive ear unto them; O let us wrestle with him, as Jacob did, when he said, *I will not let thee go until thou blesse me*: he would not have a denial of God.

First, he prepareth our hearts, that they may be capable of faith; then he worketh faith in them. *October the 28th.*

Matth. 7.

Ask, and you shall have; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door of Righteousness shall be opened unto you.

Matth. 12.

39.

They that do the will of my Father, they are my mother, sister, & brother, saith, my Saviour Christ.

Wee poor dry bones that moser away for want of one drop of the dew of righteousness; we moser away; we are so deeply drowned in sin, in the corruption of sin, that we cannot of our selves attain to the power to enjoy that sweet enjoyment of Eternity.

Lord, pull back Satan, that lurking, roaring lion that goeth about to eclipse the spirituall comfort of my poor soul; but he cannot, but he cannot; my Christ hath made a wall, and he cannot enter the wall, he cannot cast it down.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that *Love*, that *Pure*, that *Undeiled One*; that *Holy One*, by

whom

whom we live, move, and have our being; he is
All in All, perfect without imperfection.

Oh let us labour for the sweet enjoyment of
Eternity; where there is comfort without dis-
comfort, joy without sorrow; & where all tears
are wiped away from our eyes, and botled up. Rev. 21. 4.

Oh let us labour to attain to that eternall
weight of glory; where there is nothing but
joy and rejoycing, mirth and melody, and
singing Hallelujahs with the Lord in the high-
est Heavens. Psal. 56. 8.
2 Cor. 4. 17.

Children, obey your parents in all things, know-
ing that it is well pleasing unto the Lord: for the
wrath of God commeth upon the children of diso-
bedience. Eph. 1. 6.
with 5. 6.

October the 29.

No man can come to Christ, except the Father
draw him. John. 6.
2 Pet. 1. 1.
& 1 Pet. 1. 7.

Lord, endue us with those rich graces of
thine, as faith, which is the richest of all; we
are so benumbed with sin, luke-warm, and
key-cold, that we cannot apprehend them to
make a right use of them.

Oh let us labour for Christ; for when Christ,
who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also ap-
pear with him in glory.

We poor, miserable, and wretched creatures
that have sinned against thee every day more
and more; if thou hadst not been a pitiful and
merciful God, wee had before this been sunk
into the endlesse pit of torment, but thou hast
shewed

Lam. 3.
22.

Joh. 3. 16,

shewed 17.

shewed pity and compassion upon us, in giving us thy only begotten Son to redeem us from that endlesse pit of torment.

Col. 3. 5. Mortifie therefore your members which are upon the earth, as fornication, adultery, blasphemy, and covetousness, which is Idolatry.

Gen. 13. 15. My Christ hath cast down Satan, that lurking, roaring lion, that thinks to get the upper hand over my poor soul; but I hope, nay I am sure, that there is one above that will defend me from him; he hath promised that he will tread him under foot.

Luk. 16. 29. The godly have their torments here, but the wicked shall have their torments for ever hereafter.

Take heed of Satan, for he is very subtile; for there is more danger when he cometh in white, like an Angel of light, than when he cometh in black, like a Blackamore.

Psa. 37. 25. Oh let us labour for Christ, that Holy One, for he will never suffer the righteous to be forsaken, nor their seed to beg their bread.

October the 30th.
Mar. 24. 23. There be many that say, lo, here is Christ, and lo, there is Christ; but there is no more crucified Christs than one alone,

Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins which we have sinned against thee, of what sort soever they be. Lord, wash us and cleanse us in the blood of thy only begotten One: oh what

what disobedient Children are we that are so rebellious against thee. Good Lord, pardon us, that we should be so disobedient to following a father that hath always an eye over us, and watcheth over us every day and night, and continually, that which thou biddest us to do, that we do not, and that which thou biddest us not to do, that we do; but alas, alas, the greater is our Judgment.

Isa. 27. 3.

Plal. 121.

3. 4.

October the 13th.

Cast your care upon the Lord, for he careth for you, and let not your care be upon the world; it will be never the better for you, but a great deal worse; for *What are we better, if we gaine the whole world, and lose our own souls,* and be cast into hell for ever.

1 Pet. 5. 7.

Mat. 6. 27.

Mar. 8. 36.

Oh let labour to be partakers of the immaculate Lambe. Oh what a sweet thing it is to be partakers of that immaculate Lamb!

Oh it would ravish a Poor Christians soul; Oh let us labour for him; if we lose him we lose all.

Lord, humble these proud & ignorant hearts of ours, that they be not puffed up, and blown up with the pride of this world; for God knoweth there is many of them: but Lord, teach them to know themselves; that they may live to please thee, and not no live in thy displeasure.

1 Tim. 6.

17, 18, 19.

James 5. 1

to the 15.

Oh let us knock at the door of righteousness, untill Christ Jesus that immaculate Lambe of God

God be pleased to open to us the door of faith.
November the 1.

Rom. 6. 14 Lord, purifie these drossie hearts of ours, that we may become pure Virgins of thine, & leave them without dross, or sin remaining in them.

Acts 4. 24 Lord, restrain those that go about to interrupt these instruments which thou hast sent to preach out thy holy Word in thy Congregations: it is requisite that offences should come, but woe be to them by whom they come.

O let us labour to gain the Kingdom of Heaven, and struggle, and strive for it; for it is not gained with a little a doe, but Heaven is won by violence, *and the violent take it by force.*

Lord, enrich these poor fainting souls of ours, with thy graces, that we may become able instruments to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.

November the 3.

Lord, endue us with thy rich graces, as faith, which is the richest grace of all; but our hearts are so stony, that we cannot apprehend them aright, to make a right use of them; but make them of a fit temper, that we may have our wills melted into that will of that everlasting, ever-living, and glorious Lord our God, that we may lie at the feet of that immaculate Lamb of thine, untill those two arms of love be pleased to take us up into the Throne of Heaven.

Ephes. 6. Put on the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand against all the wiles of the Devil.

O labour to take notice of that ever-living Mich. 6.3,
and glorious Lord our good God, and to all 4, 5.
his mercies that he hath been pleased to pour
down upon us; for if we take notice of him, he
will take notice of us, both of all our needs Mar. 6.3,
and necessities, and necessary things, both tem- 2, 33.
porall and spirituall; for if we sit loose from
him, he will sit loose from us.

November the 4th.

Oh let us labour to repent of all our sins
which we have lived in formerly, and call to Gen. 35.3
mind what the Lord hath done for us in dis- Psal. 136.
tresse. When we were in the hands of our e- 23, 24.
nemies; hee hath preserved us from the hands
of our enemies; for if we were as we should be
we should be thankfull every hour of a day;
but God knoweth we are far short.

Good Lord, refine us, even as silver and gold
is refined, and make us without spot or ble Zach. 13.9
mish, even as thy spotless Lamb, and cloath us
with the righteousness of him.

November the 5th.

He that knoweth the will of his father that is
in Heaven, and doth it not, shall be beaten with Luk. 24.17
many stripes.

Lord, renew these stony hearts of ours, and give
us hearts of flesh.

Lord, open our blind eyes, that we may see
clearly the errour of sin, and the purity that
is in Christ, and the corruption that is in our
selves.

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We poor, miserable, and wretched creature,
 Lord, pardon and forgive us all our sins, that
 wee have committed against thee, and wash
 them away in the blood of that thy Beloved
 One, and leave us without spot or stain re-
 maining in us.

November the 6th.
 The workes of God are wonderfully, and his
 wayes past finding out.

Eph. 6. 5. Servants, obey the will and command of your
 Masters, which are upon the earth, knowing that
 you have a Master in Heaven.

Oh let us call upon the Lord in the time of
 extremity and calamity, and he hath promi-
 sed to give ear unto us.

November the 8th.
 Psal. 50. Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will
 hear you and you shall glorifie me.

O Lord, endue us with thy graces, that we
 may be fit to come to the School of Christ, to
 learn the lesson of faith.

Let us labour for that Beloved One; for if
 Zach. 12. we have him, we have all; if we want him,
 we want all: he will stand unto us, when all
 will fall down; all things are but drosse and
 dung in comparison of him.

O labour to repent of all your sins: but you
 must first lay the ground-work of faith & then
 truly repent, and returne home unto the Lord.

Oh let us cry aloud unto the Lord in the
 time

time of necessity, and he hath promised to
glve ear unto us.

Cast your care upon the Lord, for he careth for
you; in the time of extremity and calamity,
when all helpers in the world fail, he will be
your greatest help of all; he must do it or none.

Psal. 22.12.

with 19.

Rom. 1.28.

O let us labour to fear the Lord, that we may
live in his fear, and dye in his favour.

Come unto me all ye that are weary, and bea-
vy-laden, and I will give you rest. O what a
sweet promise is this, if we had but hearts
to apprehend it aright! but our hearts are so
stony, and so full of corruption, that it can take
no effect; but Lord mollifie them.

Mat. 11.28.

November the 9th.

Oh let us call to mind what the Lord hath
done for us, and not be like the naturall man
that looketh his face in the Glasse, and presently
forgetteth what manner of man he was.

James 1.

Oh let us labour and take pains for that
well beloved One, and labour to stick close
unto him; for if we lose him, we lose all; and if
we gain him, we gain all.

Phil. 3.

Oh let us labour to set our affections on the
things that are above, and not on the world,
wherein there is nothing but vanity and vex-
ation of spirit.

O let us labour to wait, and be patient until
his appointed time, for his time is the best time

My Christ hath vanquished Satan, that lur-
king

roaring Lion, that gorch about to devour my poor soule; but I hope he hath nothing to doe with me: I hope my God will own me for his own; he is always malicing and perplexing the Children of God, to make their journey uncomfortable, and thinketh that if hee get no victory then, he shall never get victory.

Come all ye that are athirst, and drinke freely of the Spring-well-water of life, and you shall never thirst again.

Lord, Lord, endue us with thy graces, that we may become lively Branches in thy Vineyard; prune it, dresse it, and water it, and look to it, that nothing hurt it, nor harm it.

Oh let us labour for faith; for *they that are faithfull until death, shall receive a crowne of life.*

Lord, satisfie these unsatisfied hearts of ours; for if a man hath all the world, he thinketh that he hath not enough; but when he hath Christ, then he is fully satisfied. Ah, what can a Christian heart desire more than a crucified Christ, than a naked Christ? what can a Christian heart desire more? he is the Jewell of all Jewells, he is the upright One.

Labour to deale faithfully in all things; for as you do, so you must look to be done by; if you sow to the flesh, you shall reap corruption; but if ye sow to the spirit, you shall reap life everlasting.

Lord, endue us with thy graces, and set them

them a right upon our hearts, but they are so
be nummed, like warm, and key-cold, that we
cannot apprehend them to make a right use of
them; but Lord, make them of a fit temper.

O let us labour for Christ, that Dove, that
Dove, that Undeiled One, that laid down his
life to pardon the sins of all the Elect.

November the 10th.

Lord, forgive and pardon all our sins, whe-
ther they be sins original or actual sins, of
weaknesse or wilfulnesse, sinnes of omission
or commission, sins of ignorance or of know-
ledge, scarlet sins or crimson sins, or sins of
a double die, or what sort of sins (soever they
be) Lord, wash them and cleanse us in the
blood of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ in whom
alone thou art well pleased.

Psal. 90. 1.

O let us labour for Christ, that habitation,
in whom we live, move, and have our being.

Ask, and you shall have, knock, and it shall
be opened to you, and the door that leadeth to
everlasting life shall ye opened unto you with
Hope, and Charity, the greatest of these three
is Charity. Charity is love, and the love of
Christ. Faith is a gift given of Christ and
Hope is a hoping to enjoy Christ.

Now, Lord, of thy merciful promise, let thy
poor doubting Christian feel some dram of af-
furance to this poor soul: let a poor sinner feel
one dram of thy affurance of thy love to his
doubting soul.

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O let us suck sweetnesse from Jesus Christ, as the Child suckes Milk from the Mothers breast; the harder wee draw, the more wee shall get; the Child wrangles and wrangles till the Mother gives it the pap in the mouth, and then it's quiet and satisfied; So and there shee stayed a good space, going off over with the word (so) before shee could get any more words; at last, she said, so a poor soul seeks and knowes not what it wants; and wrangles, and wrangles till it get Christ; all the world will not satisfie it, but (and then she lifted up her self, and struck with her hand upon her thighs with much fervour of spirit) when it gets Christ, then it is satisfied, (and then using the same actions again, said,) when it gets Christ, then it is abundantly satisfied; all the world will not satisfie him, but Christ will give him full satisfaction.

Psal. 37.3.

Psal. 34.

22. and

17.7.

Heb. 11.

19. 32, 35,

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November the 11th.
O Be holy, even as Christ is holy. Be ye holy, as he is holy, saith the Lord.

Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord, trust the Lord with all that you have; for he hath promised, that he will provide for them that trust in him, and keep you from evill.

Lord, that we with that rich grace of faith, it will carry us above, it will carry us from the lowest earth, to the highest heaven; we are not in the lowest earth, here we are but in the middle

middle earth; but faith will carry us from the lowest earth, to the highest heaven.

Lord, teach us to walk in thy paths & teach us the way that leadeth to everlasting life.

November the 12th.

No man can come to Christ, unless the Father draw him. John 6: Col.

Take heed you lye not one to another; for if you give way to that sin, the Devill will take that occasion to pour in more corruption. 1 John 5.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that holy One; 12. want him, & want all, and have him, and have all.

November the 14th.

Take heed you lye not one to another, for the Lord saith, They are my Children, such as will not lye, and I will be their Saviour. Isa. 63:38.

Trust the Lord, trust in the Lord; for he is a trusty One, he is to be trusted; trust the Lord with your self, and all yours, & he will warch over you for good, and keep you from evil; for he hath promised, that those that trust in him, shall be as Mount Zion, which shall never be moved. Psa. 125:1

November the 15th.

Hee that knoweth the Will of his Father which is in Heaven, and doeth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes.

Oh let us not be forgetfull of those mercies which the Lord hath been pleased to pour down upon us; but be thankfull for them, and prize them highly, for if we had a thousand hearts

hearts, and a thousand hearts, we could never be sufficiently thankful: the mercies of God are to be esteemed, and highly esteemed: of these there is many a poor Christian, many a poor creature, which would be glad to have those mercies which we daily and hourly enjoy: they are so common that we do not esteem of them: but alas, alas the greater is our judgement.

November the 16th.

Hab. 1. 9.

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, lest we betake our selves to this vain world, and so run head-long into Hell to our own souls destruction.

Let us labour and take pains for that immaculate Lamb of God: for he will never be the righteous forsaken, nor their seed begging bread.

Oh let us labour for Christ, that Holy One: for, when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we appear with him in glory.

16. 33. 17.

Lord, open our blind eyes, that we may see clearly the purity that is in Christ, and the corruption that is in our selves.

November the 18th.

Lord, purge and purifie these scallie hearts of ours and refine them even as silver and gold is refined, that we may become pure Virgins of thine.

O let us labour and take pains to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, where there is nothing but

but mirth and melody, joy and rejoycing, joy
without sorrow, comfort without discomfort;
where all daies are wiped away, and boyled up,
axis ion blood. *November the 30th.*

Oh let us labour for Christ, that holy One;
he is all in all, perfect without imperfection;
have him and have all, want him and want all;
all things are but dross and dung in compari-
son of him.

Gal. 4.19.
Rev. 2.17.

Oh let us labour to have the Name of Christ
set aright upon our hearts, that it might make
a deep impression, that it might take effect to
work effectually.

Oh let us labour to have our conversation
built upon that substantiall rock stedfastly; for
if it be built upon sandy ground, it will fall,
but if it be built upon that substantiall rock,
it will stand for ever.

November the 21th.
Trust the Lord, for he is a trusty One, he is
to be trusted; he hath promised, that those that
trust in him shall stand as Mount Zion, that shall
never be removed, but abideth for ever.

Oh let us wait and be patient untill the ap-
pointed time of the Lord, for his time is the
best time: For he that shall come will come, and
will not tarry.

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Take heed that you sow not good seed on
thorny ground, lest the thorns spring up and
choke it.

K 3 Lord,

Lord, humble these proud hearts of ours, lest we be blown up with this world, and the vanities thereof; if we could but feel one dram of the sweetnesse of Christ, we should not give way to the vanities of the world as we do: but while we are in the flesh, we are apt to follow the lusts of the flesh; if we could be so sensible of the sweetnesse of Christ, and apprehend it aright, we should be taken up so with Christ, and with the sweetnesse of him, that we should not be so carried away with the vanities of the world, but wee should give up our selves to Christ, and make him our habitation.

The same night about 12 a clock.

She had great extremity of pain, and as is conceived, would gladly have spoken, making signes that her heart was in Heaven, (as was thought by those who were present with her) for shee pulled at her breast severall times, and held up her hands as high as shee could reach, looking up with her eyes; and then after a short space, she spake, and said,

Me is not in the hand of mine enemy, but in the hand of my loving Father; he is an ever-living, ever-loving, and glorious Lord God, he is a wise God, & he will not give his children one lash more than he sees good for them.

After this she spake no more untill the 8th. day of December, which was the day after the Lord had graciously given her the use of her Senses and of her Understanding. To

To close up the Second Part of the Narrative, I shall adde this, that some of these Speeches she uttered (though but few of them will need such Apology) in weakness: I see a Childe under such strange distempers, did somewhat confuse and perturb her intellectualls; but other things she uttered through the strength of the Spirit a list once extraordinarily guiding her tongue to utter such things, as now shee cannot tel that ever she did speake them. There be some things oft repeated; yet because either they are uttered with some variety, and were things that it seems the heart was much carried forth to mention; therefore I have set them down, and hope they will not be tedious, but may raise up further thoughts of them, when you read them over again and compare them with the Scriptures in the Margin; and if you knew the state of the Family, & the condition of some that came occasionally to hear her, you would say, there was a divine hand that guided her tongue, and that God was with her mouth, adapting her Speeches to their necessities.

Exod. 12.

And I suppose her heart was more affected with some truths before this ill fit, & of those things she makes the most frequent mention: But whilst I am Apologizing for her Repetitions, some may tax me for Omissions; some have said, that she prophesied, and no such passages are here related; to which I answer, there

is no ground for such a report: there is one passage related in one of her Speeches, *Observe the 19th* (in the end of page 107, & beginning of page 108.) about raising of the Maid, unless they fancy this to be a Prophetick fore-telling of her Recovery, I know not any thing uttered by her, nor could upon enquiry hear of any thing that might give ground for such a report: but the truth is, such Reporters (I hear) doe some of them expect to have the gift of Miracles, and it may be of prophesying, & seemed to be much taken with Gods dispensations to this Childe, hoping it would have conducted something to the promoting of their Cause, but are disappointed: for God hath opened the mouth of a dumbe Childe to confute their follies. It may be they prophesied that she would prophesie, and so have proved themselves to be false Prophets.

My hearts desire and prayer to God shall be, that these speeches may take as deep impression upon the hearts of the Readers, as they did upon her body, who was the Speaker, God was pleased to hold her upon the rack for so many weeks, nay months, in which she endured grievous torturings, and yet to enable her to speak such things, surely so extraordinary a Teacher requires more then ordinary attention. When *Junab*, who had been so close a student in the *Whalea Bally Collidge*, came to preach

preach to the *Ninevites*; the strangeness of the
 relation concerning the Preacher might make *Exod. 8*
 his Sermons take more with them; *shall not* 19
they rise in Judgement against the men of this
generation & some it may be (with Pharaohs
South-sayers) will acknowledge the finger of
God is in this, when his whole hand is visible:
but if men sleight such dispensations, no won-
der: for if they hear not Moses and the Prophets, *Luke 16.*
neither will they be persuaded, though one rose *ult.*
from the dead. God indulged to the Israelites,
(as thought) to enjoyn them Ceremonies of
his devising; to prevent their use of, or han-
kering after such as were of mans devising:
God seems to Indulge to the weakesse of
some in such extraordinary workings of his
Providence (in this Instance, and a few others
which might be mentioend;) but if the Father
of the Family take all this care, and yet men *Ezek. 7.*
are not contented with his established Institu- *29.*
tions, but they are finding out new inventions,
God will certainly correct this wantonizing
humour; It argues, our stomacks are foul and
crazy, when wee must have new dishes every
meal, and cannot feed upon the standing dishes
of Gods Ordinances: the King of Saints will *Zach. 14.*
not be thus affronted, but level and discharge *16, 17, 18,*
the Ordinance of his power against those that *19.*
disclaim the Ordinances of his Grace. But I
hope, through the pourings out of the Spirit
many

many shal be so wise as to observe these things
and to profit by ordinary and extraordinary
dispensations; and surely, *They shall understand
the loving kindnesse of the Lord.*

*The third part of the Narrative; containing the
wonderful recovery of this Child of wonders.*

MAny dayes have been set apart in the fa-
mily to seek the face and favour of God
on the behalfe of this afflicted Childe; which
Duties her Parents, (as Obed-Edom the Ark)
were forward to entertain (as at other times,
so) in now this their afflicted condition. They
have had much experience that God was a
God bearing prayer, and therefore would not be
beaten off from the (now alas, too much
neglected) means, from which they had sucked
much sweetness, having found God sometimes
marvellously helping of them till they were
strong in the power of his might, but always help-
ing them with a little help, and bearing up
their spirits under the tryalls, though they did
not obtain a full enlargement: & when one told
the Father of this Childe, that the Room was
not able to bear so many as came to seek God
in those duties; he replied, The more, the
better, so that those who come, can pray and
believe.

But yet the Lord in wisdom seemed to us
to be as one astonished, as a mighty man that
cannot

2 Chron.
36. 15.
Dan. 11:
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cannot save, the Childes distempers of body growing more violent, she having most terrible crying fits, (by reason of her extreame pain, which crying fits continued till she vomited bloud; and then she was quiet) which were very grievous and afflictive to the spirits of all that heard her; and the whole Family so continually under sadnesse, and their sleep so broken, that you might have seen *Every one with their hands upon their loyns, as a woman in travell, Jer 32.6. and all faces turned into palenesse.* Which dealings of the Lord with that Family did serve to awaken them to a more solemn way of seeking his face; and it was judged, that it was his purpose to have his providential dispensations in relations to this Child more publicly taken notice of, that so they might not be hid in a corner, but many might behold his glorious goings; & bear witness thereof unto the world, when he should finish his work upon her: therefore her Parents did write and speak to severall Ministers of his Word, (two of which have prefixed Epistles to this Narrative) and a Day was fixed to be set apart for humiliation, of which many precious servants of God, had notice, which was the ninth day of November: In which Day the Company being met at Mr. Hatfield's house, and the work entered on, but the Childe was observed by such as did attend her to be somewhat un-

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quiet

quieted the reason whereof they know not only
 a thought came in, that if she were brought
 in the Room where the Company was as-
 sembled, that then she might possibly be quiet-
 ter: wherefore her Maid brought her in her
 arms, where she continued quietly all the time
 we were at the duty, not once interrupting us,
 and the *eye* did serve to assist the *heart*, and to
 help them to wrestle with God more affectu-
 ously: this passage is the more wonderfull
 because (so far as could be rationally judged)
 she did neither hear or see or know any body;
 and so we knew not how she should under-
 stand there was such a work in hand, un-
 lesse the Lord should hint it to her; (as he did
 many of her Speeches, if not all) and indeed
 some of her Speeches the night before & night
 after the Duty was concluded, do import such
 a thing: See her Speeches *Ninth* the eighth
 where she quoth that *Psal. 90. 1.* and suitably
 to that she added after, O let us cry aloud un-
 to the Lord in the time of necessity; & he hath
 promised to give ear to us; which word did
 strongly call upon us to cry mightily unto the
 Lord. There are many other passages that
 night, which I refer the Reader to, & we took
 them as messages sent from heaven to quicken
 our hearts in the duty; there was one passage
 that night, viz. her fourth speech about repen-
 tance and faith, whereby she did direct us how

so order our Humiliation, as desiring they might be Evangelicall, not Legall; the fruits of faith, not of slavish fears; she would have us look on Christ, and then mourn; believe, and then repent; and when the duty was concluded November the ninth, at her usual time she uttered severall passages, wherein we might observe God exceedingly ordering of her words; at the first speech that night, and the fourth, & the seventh, and especially the ninth, which was an admirable caution given unto us.

Now to return, that which was (in relation to the Child) set upon our hearts particularly to ask of God, was this, that he would please to quiet her spirit, ease her of her pain, so that the ears of her dear Relations might not be filled with such doleful cries, nor their hearts with those fears and amazements, whereby they were much unfitted to act Faith, or do any duty to God or man; extream sadness and faintings, oppressing and overwhelming their spirits; and in this the Lord was pleased graciously to answer the desires of his poor Servants through the intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ, which wee had notice of at our next meeting, and did desire to improve it, taking it as a Pledge that God would doe more for us, and own us in our Attendance upon him in his own way.

At the end of that Day of Humiliation, a

Motion

Motion was made, that wee might continue once a moneth (at least) to seek God untill he should be pleased to come with *healing under his wings*. Those that were engaged in that work, living at a great distance from one another, we could not well meet oftner than once a moneth, and with that resolution we parted, waiting to see what the Lord would doe for his Servants in that Family, whose condition God did very much assist those who were engaged in that Duty, to bear upon their hearts continually, with much tenderneſſe. The time appointed for the next Day of Humiliation was, as I remember, *December 9. next ensuing.*

But the Lord ordered things ſo, that the Child grew exceeding weak, not being able to ſpeak from the 21. of *November*, any more, (as was before noted,) ſo that her friends did think that God was coming to finiſh his work, and her time of warfare here in the body.

Wherefore her Father diſpatcht meſſages to the Miniſters and Chriſtians to meet & keep a Day of Humiliation on *Thursday December 2.* (a week ſooner than we thought of) & accordingly we met on that day, and found her very weak, (ſo that ſhee was not brought into the Room, where we performed the Duties of the day) That which (amongſt other things, as particularly relating to her) was deſired of God, was, that God would manifeſt his power in

in enabling her to speak again, that so, whilst she lived, she might be useful and instrumental for his glory; her Speeches having been very powerful upon the hearts of many (we hope, to the conversion, at least, conviction of some, and the edification of most that heard them;) God was also very earnestly intreated (with many arguments which his Spirit suggested) to raise her up, that he perfecting his work, might have perfect praise; and his work might be cleared to the conviction of slanderous tongues, and the further comfort and satisfaction of the hearts of his people; the day being finished, we departed to our Homes, desiring to submit, and wait the Lords leisure, and (if she lived) to continue seeking of him; But behold, God was better to us than we could think, and when we had scarce faith to believe what he had (in some measure) set our hearts a-work to ask (upon the ninth of December, the day which formerly, as I noted, we had agreed together to have sought God for her, but did perform the duty a week sooner; I say upon that day) we had (as real Testimony of her Fathers thankfulnesse to God, and real respects to us) the joyfull news of her Marvellous Recovery transmitted to us, which take as followeth.

My dear friends,
I have just received the joyful news of your recovery, which is a great blessing to all of us. I am glad to hear that you are now able to speak again, and that your speeches have been so powerful upon the hearts of many. I am also glad to hear that God has been so earnestly intreated to raise you up, that he may perfect his work, and that his work may be cleared to the conviction of slanderous tongues, and the further comfort and satisfaction of the hearts of his people. I am glad to hear that you have departed to your homes, desiring to submit, and wait the Lords leisure, and (if she lived) to continue seeking of him. But behold, God was better to us than we could think, and when we had scarce faith to believe what he had (in some measure) set our hearts a-work to ask (upon the ninth of December, the day which formerly, as I noted, we had agreed together to have sought God for her, but did perform the duty a week sooner; I say upon that day) we had (as real Testimony of her Fathers thankfulnesse to God, and real respects to us) the joyfull news of her Marvellous Recovery transmitted to us, which take as followeth.

Mr Hatfield his faithfull Relation of the Lords Work, in recovering Mrs. Martha Hatfield his Daughter out of her great afflictions, which was by him sent unto the Ministers, who had sought God for her upon the second of December, 1653.

MORE WORKS of Wonder from Heaven, which may teach us, and all that hear of it, to depend upon the Lord in the duty of Prayer and Fasting. Since the second of December (in which day many sweet Perisions were put up to the Lord on the behalf of this Child) we have perceived some Symptomes that God was restoring her understanding, as upon the fifth and sixth dayes of December, she would have given notice, and signes of that which she had not given signes of before, since about Mid-April: and upon the seventh of December betwixt five and six a clock at night, it pleased God to open her mouth, being shut since the eighth day of September. (as I noted before) she yawned, and tryall was made, and we found her mouth opened, and then she took food without spoiling; after one hours space she knew her youngest Sister, being about four years of age, who used to lye by her, & be very fond of her, and would be oftentimes kissing of her; & soon after she knew her Mother, and was joyced to see her with laughing and stroaking her face, and clasping her arm about her neck; and

and then her Father came, and asked her, if she knew him? and after a while (for her eyes were yet somewhat dim) she did the like to him, holding up her hands together, as if she would desire him to pray for her, and she did the like to her Mother. And we plainly discovered that God had restored at that instant the senses of Hearing, Seeing, Smelling, and Handling; for when we called her by her name, she had an expression, whereby we perceived she heard us, as also that she saw us; and there was a pair of sweet Gloves, and we had her smell at them; & she put them to her nose several times, and she had at that time much use of her hands, which she had not before. And her Mother came to her again, and said, What hath the Lord done for thee? art thou not willing to give God all that he hath given thee, thy Life, Understanding, and all thy Senses, and Heart, and all? and she manifested her self by signes, that she was cheerfully willing so to do, by holding up her hands, and lifting up her eyes with smiling, and plucking at her heart divers times, and then lifted up her hand as high as she could reach, as though she would give God her heart, and all; and about nine a clock she knew her Sister *Hannah*, and her Grand-Mother, the Wife of *Mr. George Westby*, a Gentleman well known in the North and South; (a very godly Gentlewoman) and she did express the same by laughing

ing and stroaking their faces, and closing of her hands to her Grand-Mother, as if she desired her to pray for her.

Then she went to bed, and God gave her reasonable good rest and sleep; the next morning being the 8th of December, she had four or five sick fits, her body, face, and lips, being very much swelled; but when she was better, the swelling did fall again at an instant, and then always she held up her hands and eyes, seeming to praise God, and all the afternoon she played with some odd toys & Splice, which Neighbours had brought her, which she had in a little Basket, untill betwixt five and six a clock at night, and then she fell into a stiff fit, yet without any appearance of the Convulsions before, (as it had been formerly with her) and then she spake, as shee used to do in a stiff fit, and said,

Hab. 2.

Oh let us wait and be patient untill the appointed time of our wise God; for his time is the best time, And he that shall come, will come and will not tarry; and the just shall live by Faith; but if any draw back, my soul shall take no pleasure in them.

Rom. 8.
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Let us labour for Christ, that Holy one, by whom we live, move, and have our beings, he is all in all; O trust in him and believe in him, for all things, trust in him, fear him, and love him, for he hath promised, All things shall turn to the good

good of them that love him, and delight in him.

O let us labour for faith, for he that is faithful unto the death, shall receive a crown of life.

She spake all these sentences with much fervency, lifting up her hands, and shaking her head; she continued in this stilt sit about a quarter of an hour; and then she came to herself; and her Mother being set upon the bed by her, she laughed, and rejoyced, and said,

Mother, ah Mother, how do you? Ah my dear Child, (said her Mother) how dost thou she answered, Me is pretty wel, I praise my God. O Mother, love God, love him; O get faith, get faith: her Mother said, so I have need.

It is observable (though I did not so note it before) that one of the last things she spoke of, before God took away her understanding and senses, was to stir up her Mother to get faith, & that would carry her above all difficulties, and now she begins with pressing that counsel again, which her Mother desires to make special use of, and the Lord help her to do so.

Her Mother further said to her, Ah Child, thou hast been a Preacher of Righteousnesse, and taught us the way to Heaven: The Child answered, have I? I cannot tell I can do nothing of my self; it was not me; it was the Spirit of God in me: I am nothing but a poor Earth-worm, and me hath nothing in me but what my God giveth me; for me is nothing

nothing but dust and ashes : and she spake all this evening after, and answered any Question (that was put to her) very sensibly, and was carried to bed, and hath had a very quiet nights sleep ; she said this morning, being the ninth of December, she never waked till that time, which was about seven a clock.

The Lord bee praised for his marvellous Works, for they are wonderful in our eyes.

Thus I have given you a true Relation of things since our meeting before God in her behalf, whereby it is very apparent, that the Lord hath heard and answered the Petitions of his people, and that the *Sun of righteousness is risen with healing under his wings.*

Mal. 4. 2.

The glory of the Lord be advanced with much thankfulness for all, and of all ; and more especially of you, who sent out the Dove that returned at the last with the Olive Branch in her mouth.

The Copy of this Relation I received the ninth of December, when the Officers and members of the Church of Christ in Sheffield, were met at a private Conference and I read over this Relation to them, which caused many tears of joy, and their hearts were mightily ravished with the appearances of God in this business ; and as they had prayed for her, so did they then return praise to him.

Upon the 15. day of December, I did go to
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visit her, at which time did visit her the Lady Lambert, as also Colonel Bright and his Lady, who were much affected with the wonderfull Works of God, which were so evident upon that Childe: when I came thither, I met with the Ministers, with whom I had joyned in seeking to God for her, though I little thought of meeting them there at that time: but so God mercifully ordered it, that wee might agree upon a day to call the Company together, who had joyned in seeking Gods face, then to exalt his glorious Name, who had wrought such Wonders in that Family, and we agreed to keep the 28. day of *December*, as a day of Thanksgiving for what God had done; but the Lord knowing our dulness and weakness before the day came, did cast in further mercies, that so wee might be quickened to make his praise more glorious, as you will see in the subsequent Relation, which I received from Mr. *Hatfield*, whose fidelity and conscientious walking is well known in the Countrey, and therefore his Testimony the more worthy credence.

The ninth of *December* the Childe lying in a Trundle-bed, at her Mothers bed-feet; her Mother (when shee awaked) asked her what a night she had: she replied, a very good night, I praise God, I never waked till now, which as about seven a clock. Her Mother said,

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Mother, God hath done great and wonderfull things for thee, in manifesting so much of his power upon thee, and to us in thee; the Lord set these things aright upon our hearts. Then *Mother* replied with a sigh, O when the Lord is pleased to do great things for us, hee expects and looks for great things from us; even as a Husband-man that sowes a great deal of seed, he looks for a great Crop; if he have a great Seed-time, he looks to reap a great Harvest: So the Lord, when he is pleas'd to doe great things for his people, hee expects great things from them.

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Then her Mother spake again to her, saying, The Lord hath set thy condition upon the hearts of his people, and thou art a Child of Prayer, by which I hope the Lord will have much glory; for there have been many dayes set apart to seek the Lord on thy behalf. Then she said, O is not that a great mercy? those dayes were dayes of love to my poor soul. We doe not discern mercies to be mercies; we are so full of corruption and sin; because the strong man armed had taken possession in our hearts, but there is a stronger than he that will dispossesse him.

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speech

Her Mother said, there are many Ministers who have wrestled with God for thee; both in publick and in private. She said, I would be glad to see them, that I may give them thanks.

thanks for their pains, and love to my soul.

Her Mother further said, We are comfortably encouraged to depend upon the Lord in the duty of prayer, for we have had apparent and immediate answers from him.

O, said she, that is a sweet mercy; *The seed of Jacob shall not seek the face of God in vain.*

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Ila. 45. 19.

That morning she very freely and cheerfully expressed her self in any thing which concerned her spirituall condition; and she was so free, and her spirit was so enlarged to speak, that her Mother dissuaded her from speaking so much, for fear of spending her little stock of spirit, shee being but weak, by reason of the sore rackings and stretchings of all arts with her Convulsions, her sinews were drawn all upon knots in the flesh; and at her first Recovery her flesh was blackish, red and white (as they compared it) like marble which was a strange sight, as (indeed) were all the Lords dealings with her. As that she should be so extraordinary fat when she took so little, as we could scarce discern whether she took any thing or no: she was lean before her visitation, and is so now again since her Recovery.

Oh, no, no, (said she) my spirks can never be spent with speaking of my God: if any would feed me with speaking of my God, I could live upon it.

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The same day, being the ninth of December,

her Uncle *Hatfield* a Captain in the Army, a godly man, came to her, and did ask her if she knew him? she said, me have forgotten you, but I hope God will give me my memory in due time, that I may know you; then he asked her, how she did? she said, me is pretty well I praise God; but within an hour and a half after he came to her again, and did ask her if she did know him: and after a little time, earnestly viewing of him, (her eyes being yet weak) she said, Oh my Uncle *John*! my good Uncle, my dear Uncle *John*! then said he, you have been long time afflicted, but I hope you have found the love of God towards you in this affliction; for those whom he doth love, he doth chastize. She said, I hope so; *They are Bastards and not Sons, whom the Lord correcteth not.*

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Then he asked her, if she had not a dimness before her eyes? Yes, said shee, but I hope, that if God please to lend mee life, hee will give me the comforts of life to make my life comfortable, and that he will raise me up, and give me my senses by little and little; then he said, You have spoken much of God, and have been an instrument of much good to people that came to hear you. She replied, My soul will rejoyce in that; it was not me, it was the Spirit of God in me; I am but a poor Earthworm, and can do nothing of my self.

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Then he said, you have spoken very much,
there

there be two Books written of what you did speak; Is there so, said she? I wish they may look at a good end. He did ask her whether she did remember what she had said? No, said she, I have forgot, but I hope God will give me memory, that I may tell to others *what God hath done to my soul*; I pray Uncle, pray to God for my memory.

Being asked several questions of such things as she had uttered in her stiff fits, she answered to the same sense, and in most of the same words. It was asked her, whether faith or repentance was the first work in conversion? *Quest.* She said, You must first lay the ground-work of faith, and then repent, and turn home to the Lord; you are not at home here, you are but pilgrims and strangers. *Her Ans.*

It was asked her, what was the Corner-stone in the spirituall building of the Church? *Quest.* She said, Christ, but the stone is three-cornered, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Her Ans.*

It was asked her, what was faith, hope, and charity? She said, Faith is a gift of God to believe in Christ; Hope, is a hoping to enjoy Christ; and Charity is the love of Christ. *Quest.* *Ans.*

It was asked, how wee may doe to get the door of Faith opened? She said, walk in the paths of righteousness. *Quest.* *Ans.*

Here by the way you may note, that the Spirit of God did sometimes help her to speak things that shee did not fully under-

stand; she had in one or two of her stiff fits uttered these words,

June 10. Knock at the gate of Righteousnesse, and God shall open unto you the doore of Faith; in reference to that speech this Question was asked her, but God had not at that time revealed it to her; I beleeve more of the marrow of the Gospell could scarcely have been uttered in so few words; It's the great question with poor soules; they say, if we could beleeve, then we might have any thing; but how shall we get faith? here many puzzle themselves, as if God had put them to shift for themselves, as a poor man works and gets money, and that will buy him all things: no, though we must ordinarily get faith in hearing, &c. yet not by our hearing; the answer is here, stand and knock at the gate of Righteousnesse: that Righteousnesse which justifies us when we beleeve, doth purchase faith for us that we may beleeve. Pardon this digression.

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Ans.

It was asked her, if the Devill did not go about to destroy her. Yes, said she.

It was asked, who conquered those temptations she said, Jesus Christ: the Devil goeth about to destroy us with his temptations, but I hope they wil not be laid unto our charge, but to the charge of him from whence they came.

Quest.

Ans.

At another time she was asked, why Christ had conquered Satan? she answered, for his own names sake, and for my sake. At

At another time, I being with her, did ask *Quest.*

her, whether she thought that God would recover her strength by his immediate power (as he had begun) or by the use of means? she answered me very solemnly, I doe believe, that God will raise me up by his immediate power without means. *Ans.* *Phylick.*

Then I asked her, if she did not desire that means might be used? she answered, that she had oft prest her self to be willing to use means, but yet she could not find her heart made willing. *Quest.*

Then I asked, why she desired to be willing to use means? she answered, because her friends desired it, and for their satisfaction. *Ans.*

Then I asked her, what ground she had to believe that God would raise her up by his immediate power? she answered, because God did not make her willing to use the means, though she had oft desired it of him; and if he would have her use means, he would make her willing; and then she had heard of that providence. Now God shut up her teeth, whilst the Physician was in the House from the eighth of September till December, about three moneths; and she further said, that she thought that God would not that the Physician should have any one part of the honor of raising her to health, but he would have all the glory to himself. *Quest.*

At another time I spake thus to her, Cozen *Ans.*
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Matter, you told me that you did believe God would raise you up by his immediate power, he hath done much for you, but yet you have many reliques of weakness upon you; will you endeavor to act faith upon that power of God? she answered, it is my desire, but I have nothing but what is freely given me of my God.

One night, when they were undressing of her, one told her, she had no shoes; (for they had given al her clothes and wearing things to some poor children, not expecting her life) & her father said; there was a Shoo-maker in the town but he was a Quaker; she asked, what that was? it was answered, he was one that sleights Ministers, and Gods Ordinances: she replied, she would have no Quakers shoes then.

At another time, the same thing being discoursed of, and she giving the same answer, her Sister Hannab, (who was very tender of her, and had prejudiced her self with her care of her and of her Mother in their weaknesses) asked her, if she knew, what the Quakers were? she answered, they are such as are above Opinions (for then she could not pronounce many words, her speech being gradually restored to her) her Sister said, what mean you? she answered, I shall make you understand, they are such as sleight Gods Ministers, whom he hath sent to preach his Word.

Another hearing of this discourse, did ask her why

why she would have no Quakers shoos, did she think there was any errors sewed up in the seams of the shoos? she answered, no, but (saith she) they say I am a Quaker, and to convince them that I am not, I will have no dealings with them.

Many other such passages there were, but I forbear to add more.

It is observable, that in the time of the shutting up of her teeth (which, as was noted before, was from the eighth of September to the seventh of December) yet her mouth was never sore, which was much feared; and when the Lord restored her, her mouth being opened, they discovered that it was very well, & (which makes it more wonderfull) within two or three dayes it began to be very sore.

And further, observe another wonderfull passage of Gods dealing with her (as indeed nothing was ordinary which related to her restoration) namely in her diet; when she began to eat, the strongest meat did best agree with her stomach, and that which was conceived to be of difficultest digestion she most desired, and it did best with her. When her stomach would not digest things of more easie concoction; the first things that she desired, after Recovery, was Hang or Martins Beef, and Red-Herring, and still her stomach will digest stronger meats than it could have done before her visitation. And

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shee continued pretty well, and with much chearfulnesse of Spirit, and the Lord was pleased to make her meat and sleep comfortable to her; but she had no use at all of her legs, but was carried to bed, and from bed, untill the 21. of December, which day she being in bed, about nine a clock at night, her Father being in the Room, shee told him, shee felt strength come into her legs; he asked her, How? shee said, it trickled down, and came into her thighs, knees, and ankles, like warm water, and so continued a quarter of an hour, and after that working was past, her Sister *Hannah* took her up, and set her upon her feet, and shee stood by her self without holding, which shee had not done for three quarters of a year before, having had no use of, or strength in her legs, and when she was laid in bed again, shee fell into extremities of hot and cold fits four or five severall times; one while as if shee had been dipped in hot water, and again suddenly, as though she had been dipped in cold water, and presently after she was very sick and vomited; and that being over, shee had much pain in all her joynts, and in great extremity from the head to the feet; then at an instant shee said, I praise God, I am now as well as ever I was in my life, I am neither sick, nor have any pain.

Then her Mother spake to her, Ah child now thou

thou understandest how suddenly the Lord hath given thee thy limbs, even so suddenly did the Lord give thee thy senses and thy speech, but then thou wast not able to apprehend it.

Oh, said she, how shall we be ever able in any measure to extoll the Name of the Lord in praises that are due unto him for all his mercies to us? I desire that the Lord would be pleased to perfect my heart, and frame it as he will be pleased to accept of it, for I have cause to praise the Lord more than others, seeing the Lord is pleased to take notice of me more than others.

Her Mother said, Childe, is not thy minde full of the apprehensions of the Lords wonderfull dealings with thee? Yes, said she, but I cannot expresse it so largely as I desire to doe; but I hope the Lord will help me: I can doe nothing of my self: but I may say with the Apostle Paul, *I can do any thing through Christ* Her speech
that strengthens me.

Then her Mother said, What are we poor miserable miscreants, that the Lord should make choise of a Childe of ours to hold forth so much of his power and glory? she answered, Her speech
It is not any worthynesse that is in us, but it is the Will of the Lord; the Lord saw it good in his all-seeing Decree, for he had decreed before I was born, that I should be so.

Her Mother said, Oh, my unbelieving heart would

Her
speech

would never yield to think that there would be such a glorious end of this affliction. Ah Mother (said she) the Lord hath done above your faith; what cause have we to praise him?

The 22th of *December*, when she rose in the morning, she said, she could goe; but we were afraid to trust her strength, it being so long a time since she had any use of her legs; yet she desired leave to make tryall how she could goe, and shee went up and down the Room beyond all expectation, and the Lord so continued his good hand upon her, and shee encreased in strength dayly, so that upon the 28th of *December*, the time appointed for the Thanksgiving, when we met there, she was able to come forth into the Hall to meet and welcome us; and we did behold a Miracle, it was wonderfull in our eyes, so that our hearts did rejoyce with a kinde of trembling at the glory of the Lord, which appeared in that Object; and it did the more affect, because it was more than many (if not most) of us heard of before we came into the House; so that we see God had put still more matter of praise into our mouths: when we came together to the Dury, shee came and joyned with us most part of the day; but the place where we met, being very full of people, shee towards the close of the day grew somewhat faint and weary, and so withdrew, but was well presently,

ly, and much affected was her heart with the goodness of the Lord; in the morning before we engaged our selves in the duty of that day, she desired that we might sing a Psalm or two which shee had made choice of, viz. the 103. Psalm, or the 118 Psalm, which of them the Ministers pleased; and in the close of the day, the Assembly were desired to praise God in the words of *David*, written in the 118. Psalm; and some of the Verses of that Psalm which did best suit with the occasion of the day, were cull'd out, as the six first Verses, and the 13th. verse to the end of the 18th. also the 21 and 23, 24. and the two last verses. In that day as wee desired to exalt the Lord in our hearts, who had so signally fulfilled divers promises, & that in particular, Psal. 118th. verse 15. which had been often urged formerly; so were her Parents very solicitious, lest they should not render unto the Lord according to his marvellous appearances for them, and to them; therefore was that promise urged, Psal. 50 15. *Thou shalt glorifie me*, which (as was declared to them) is not onely demonstrative of their duty, but operative to enable them to perform their duty; and so we parted with our hearts full of joy, and desires that we might be strengthened by the power of the Lords might to walk worthy of these glorious owings of his poor worthless creatures.

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Since this Day of Thanksgiving the Lord hath in much mercy increased her strength every day; she did not then goe so strongly as since she hath done: one observable passage there was, she was sitting in a chair, & both she and the chair fell, and she hurt her leg, but not long after shee was observed to goe with more strength and nimbleness then before; and God made that fall a means of her rising up to more strength. And not only are her outward parts (through the goodness of God) strengthened, but her understanding, memory, and ripeness of apprehension are much enlarged, beyond what they were before her sicknesse, which we were much afraid had been utterly and altogether destroyed in this sad visitation. And as a further addition, to make the mercy yet more compleat, the Lord hath been pleased to work a great change in the frame and temper of her disposition, which formerly (by reason of the prevalency of the Spleen, which she is now wholly freed from; as from all other infirmities which shee had formerly) was much inclined to sadness and fretfulness: but now she is of a wondrous meek, quiet, and sedate temper, and walks on with much cheerfulness and evenness of spirit; so that we may discover much of God in her carriages; she is also very diligent in Reading and Prayer, and such other employments as her Mother sees in

to exercise her in, so that she may be a pattern for many, who far exceed her in years: and God doth keep her in a wonderfull humble frame; she is not lifted up with her Receptions, but desirous to walk up to her Mercies; she hath not much ravishing joyes, but God hath made good that promise to her, He hath brought her health and cure, and hath revealed to her abundance both of peace and truth.

It hath pleased God, since these passages of Jer 33.6. his Providence, again to try that Family, in removing from them that precious Gentlewoman, Mrs. Fr. Wistley, Mother to Mrs. Hatfield, and Grandmother to this Child, an ancient Disciple of Christ, who had gained a great addition to her stock of graces, and comforts, by this Childs Afflictions and Restoration: she was full of the joy of the Lord in the beholding of these wonderful workings of God in that Family, and is now translated to Heaven, where she is praising God for those and many other mercies, in a higher strain than our untuned spirits can reach unto; and when God had brought that affliction upon the Family, this Child perceiving her dear Mother to be much dejected with that Dispensation, did much labour to comfort her; and amongst other passages this was one. With tears she spake to her Mother thus; Good Mother, labour to submit to the

The Conclusion.

Will of God. O labour to submit; if we do not submit willingly, God can make us to submit.

I shall shut up the *Narrative* with this passage of this Childs dear Father, in the close of his Relation which he sent to me, viz. The power of the Lord be made known in all his Works, with thankfulness to his glory for ever.

To which I will add my AMEN.

The Conclusion of the Narrative.

THE Caution, which this sweet Child hinted, (as was before noted) that we should look to a good end in publishing her Speeches, took such impression on my spirit, that (though I was strongly urged to it) I durst not venture upon the presenting of these things to public view, before I had first examined my ends in that undertaking, and could (through the free grace of God, I hope in some measure) approve my heart to him in that enterprize.

And since I have undertaken it, I am sorry that I could not dispatch it sooner, whilst the impressions were fresh upon the spirits of her Friends; but my many diversions & interruptions in that populous place, where God hath cast my lot, must be my Apology, & I hope the publishing of these things now may serve (through the supply of the Spirit of Christ) to revive those thoughts and resolutions, which I hope will never be wholly obliterated.

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That which I shall onely adde, is the ends
and uses, which I conceive our wise God
might have, and which we and others should
make of such wonderfull Works of his, and
I shall refer them to { Either 1. Particularly,
two Heads; they are { id. that Family.

such as concern { Or 2. Generally, the
{ Nation.

1. Particularly, that Family: and there,
God did fore-see what his intentions
were, as that Family, in taking to himself
that precious gentlewoman Mrs. Westby, the
Grandmother of this Childe: she was one of
the most affectionate Mothers that I have been
acquainted with; she had two Sons, Mr. Thomas
Westby, and Mr. George Westby; and two daugh-
ters, Mrs. Hatfield, and Mrs. Spenser, Wife of
Lieutenant Colonel Spencer; and she had much
comfort in them, (as in her Grand-children,
all of them are grown up, giving good hopes
of Grace wrought in them.)

These were planted neer together, and a-
mongst them she spent her time and strength,
some of them being much visited with bodily
weaknesses, and manifold temptations, in all
which she was a singular help of their faith &
comforts: I have heard of many dutifull chil-
dren, who have been very serviceable to their
Mothers, but have not heard of a Mother so
officious (shall I say serviceable) to her chil-

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dren: so that their affections could not but be
 much let out to her; and therefore the parting
 with her would be the more difficult: where-
 fore I think, God did afflicke these wond'rs in that
 Family, to strengthen their Faith, to arm them
 for such a tryall as this: that they who had
 seen so much of God, might be taught (in any
 tryall) more willingly to submit to God: He
 that raised so great comfort to them out of
 such an affliction, they might now stay upon,
 that he would give an abundant supply to them
 what ever comforts he should take from them.
 He did therefore, give them these Cordalls to
 carry with them, when they should be put to
 a againe & meet with new storms & tempests
 and I wish they may; & hope they will improve
 those experiences to their end and use. *M.*
 2. That family (whereof this child is a mem-
 ber) hath been much afflicted more than other
 families, and it hath been a praying family, and
 many were ready to say: What are they the
 better for their fasting & Praying, they are al-
 ways under affliction: I conceive therefore, God
 hath owned them, that in their afflictions they
 abounded, so their comforts much more: God hath
 made them eminent in respect of his wonder-
 ful workings for them, as they were before, by
 reason of his affliction of them; & I hope that
 when they lay their afflictions & consolations
 in the Balance (they will experience, that affli-

2 Cor. 1. 4.

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And God himself is better than all success of a wicked
 man; and that if the Sate had not been so early,
 their stomachs had not been so quick; and that
 if they had not sunk into the waters of afflictions,
 they had never learnt to swim in the Ri-
 vers of Gods pleasures. And I desire they may yet more & more, and hope
 they do find out many medicinal virtues in the
 great Herbal of the Scriptures, which they had
 never discovered, had they not been exorced
 with new maladies; they would not so have
 learnt to live the life of faith; if they had not
 been sometimes under the sentence of death in
 their own sense; they would never have so pow-
 erfully discovered Gods power and faithful-
 ness, if they had not seen manifestly their own
 weakness. Truly, I find the most of God in
 those who are afflicted by God.

Generally, to the Inhabitants of this
 Nation: I conceive Gods ends are,

1. To convince them by his Works, who
 will not be won by his Word; the wonderful
 way of manifesting these precious Truths by
 this Child doth cry aloud to us to praise
 him. God hath raised up a Child to reprove
 the men of this generation for their oppositi-
 ons against that holy Child Jesus, and to exhort
 them to seek more for Christ, who are so much
 in seeking great things for themselves; he
 speaks much of slighting the World to those

Act. 4. 27.

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that are ſo much ſlighting the Word; & O that
 this uſe were made of it, that there were more
 ſeeking faith and Chriſt, and leſſe ſeeking of ſelf
 and Creatures; that there were more praſiſe
 of reall holineſſe, and leſſe breaking forth of
 open prophanefſe, and that under the noti-
 on (O dreadful) of perfection; and that we
 may not be like as was ſaid of the Schoolmen
 who turned all Religion *in utrum, unde in uſum,*
 ſo, as Luther elegantly, God loves Curriſtan,
 not Quariſt as; practiſers, nor preaters; walkers,
 nor talkers of Religion.

2. God hath in theſe glorious actions moſt
 eminently and evidently carried on this great
 Deſign of Love to confirm the hearts of peo-
 ple, that his preſence is with his Miniſters, and
 ſuch ſober-hearted Chriſtians, *who have not*
deſiled themſelves with women, &c. (I conceive
 withoꝝrs) with falſe worſhips; and to bear
 witneſſe againſt thoſe who ſlight the Inſtiti-
 ons and appointments of Jeſus Chriſt, and ob-
 tending upon miſerably ſeduced ſouls, things
 of their own deviſing, which never came into
 his heart to appoint; who inſtead of follow-
 ing the Lamb where ever he goeth, do follow
 the Wolf in a Lambs ſkin where ever he goeth;
 who ſlight the written Word, and ſo ſtrike at
 the Crown and Scepter of Jeſus Chriſt, *The*
King of Saints. God hath opened the mouth
 of the dumbe to confute the madneſſe of thoſe
 that

that oppose his Holy Institutions, and in that he hath so miraculously raised her up at the entreaties of his poor Ministers and Servants; when some of those above-Ordinances people scorned at our Fastings and Prayings, he hath evidently owned (shall I say us? alas, who are we? we desire to be willing to decrease, so that Christ may increase, but he hath owned) his own Ordinances and Officers, and those despoiled duties Fastings and Praying; and Oh that they who slight these appointments of Christ, would consider those Prophecies, *Isa. 66. 24.* with *23.* and *Zachar. 14.* from *16* to *19* verses, which I conceive are prophecies calculated for Gospel-times, and will in the Minatory part thereof fall heavy upon the new Gospellers of our times, and woe to them against whom the sweet-mouthed promises shall spit fire and brimstone; the Coales of sweet *Juniper*; they say, are the hottest.

It may be some (whose principles and practises are loose enough) will say, God hath owned them in their seekings of him. To such I shall onely say this, that as when men comply with Antichrist (though indirectly) God hath opposed their enterprizes, though he may love some of their persons: so those that oppose Antichrist (though he may be indirectly too) yet he may and hath owned and prospered their undertakings, and yet be angry

2 Cor. 13.

angry with their personal antipathies and mis-
riages, and it was their happiness that they had
a good cause, & though he heard prayers that
were sent up for them as they did his work,
yet not as they intended their own work.

But O that poor mill'd souls would hear
the voice of these providential strings of G
in this temple, and would now with others
of God's people gather together, and appoint
them to one head Jesus Christ, owning him
and his institutions, till they be a clearly abo-
lished, as they were evidently instituted by his
unquestionable Authority, that *Great night be
the day of Jew and even of our English Israel.*

And is this Narrative may have any such
effect upon the hearts of my dear Country men
in this Nation (for to be so libere had for us in
my heart) I shall turn my thoughts into re-
joicings, and in the mean time fix my eye and
heart upon those promises, **Mat. 23. 37.** *Hes-
t. 2. 11.* and particularly that which I think ex-
cludes not the Gentiles, *great shall be the day of
Zeph. 2. 11.* Amen. *Even so come Lord Jesus.*

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Postscript to the Reader.

The **T**houghts and particulars related in the preceding Narrative, will be received by many persons of worth; both for Honesty & Piety
whereof.

in brief, if any doubt they may enquire at Haighton in Yorkshire, or in general at Mr. Dunsen or adjoining, & be fully satisfied in all particulars. Many Names (by way of Testimonial) might have been produced; but this Reference is thought sufficient. With all which Mr. Dunsen was

We hope (Reader) those that are engaged in this work, do not commit such impiety, as to gall the world with a piece of Forgery. I have been over-looked in the year 1708. April 18. 1653.

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Hence follow some Additions, which the Friends of the Child desire should be annexed to this which came to our hands since the

Second Impression.

A brief account of Gods dealings with this Child, since the first Relation

of her Recovery.

Since (possibly) it is expected and desired, and also may be serviceable to the promoting of Gods glorious Name, in his workings for this child, that I should declare her state & condition at this present, I have thought good (being also drawn to it by the request of friends) briefly to publish the following particulars: That she hath continued (through the good hand of God upon her) in very good health, for

for the greatest part of her time since her Recovery: Only that sad blow in the Removal (by death) of that precious Gentlewoman *Mistress Francis Westby*, occasioned much Madnes to the friends of this child, and particularly to her dear Mother, with whom she did so sympathize, as occasioned sorrow to seize upon her spirit; & her tender parents did fear she would have been over-whelmed with melancholy, & indeed sometimes her spirits were very low, & yet she enjoys better health than ever, even to this day, & all things conducive thereunto, as Appetite, Digestion, Sleep, &c.

When the Printed Book (which contains a Relation of her Speeches, &c.) came first to her knowledge and view, she was observed to retire her self for some hours; and one time fell into a great passion of weeping; and the ground of her sadness was (as she declared to her Mother) the consideration of what was there in that Book set forth to be spoken by her; and she feared she was an Hypocrite, and should never be able to walk up to those Truths there laid open, and so shee should be a shame to profession, and open the mouths of wicked men to speak evill: But it pleased the Lord before she left her Chamber (whither she had retired) to discover to her that it was a temptation of Satan, who had often been busie with her, and that now she would trust God,

that had done so much for her, still to carry on his Work in her, and to hold up her, goings in his paths.

When I understood this passage, I did conclude that the Devill was a Fool; God, and her had very contrary aimes and ends; for though Satan might have a finger in this temptation, yet the Hand of the Lord was above and beyond him in the thing wherein he dealt maliciously; he thought to have vanquished her Faith, and to have made her live uncomfortably, but God hath turned it to good: he can extract Cordials out of poisons, and through the influence of his skill, make faith do that which they feign the Philosophers Stone would do, turne all to Gold it touches; hee by it makes golden effects to arise out of earthly, nay, hellish temptations. These Occurrences were ordered by our wise and gracious God to be as a thorn in the flesh, to keep this sweet Child from being exalted above measure, by reason of the extraordinary Dispensations of God towards her, and in that her name should now be so much taken notice of by the Printing of her Book; and the Lord hath and doth to this day keep her in a very humble frame, which we account a very high mercy.

Shee doth much prize the Ordinances of God, and loves much to be in Holy Exercises,

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see, and to enjoy Christian Communion is her great delight: and if any doe speake of any thing of God, she is wondrous attentive, and as the word notes, doth as a little Bird hang on the mouth of the Dam, greedily catching what falls from them; and she hath sometimes said to her Mother, that she could not be content to live under dead ordinances, but delighted much in living & powerful dispensations.

She is very diligent, alwayes employed in Reading, Praying, or doing some business in the Family.

Her Friends put her to a Writing-School, and she hath made a good progresse in that Work; so that shee is (I hope) able to write her minde to her Friends on earth (and to be usefull to them that way) as God hath graciously given her a Spirit of Prayer to express her self to her great Friend in Heaven. I have heard her pray with much affection and fervour (though I perswade my self she did not know of any so neer as to hear her at that time.)

Shee is somewhat slow of speech naturally, but when she doth express her self, her words have much weight and worth, and favour of much humility and graciousnesse. She hath not much of Tongue-Christianitie, but her practice and carriage in all Duties that shee knows belong to her, is very Christian; she is

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of a very tender Conscience, and afraid of sin, and will shew dislike of it in others; she is of a Matron-like behaviour, and though she be young in years, yet she is old in manners, whose wisdom, gravity, and seriousness, we hope the Lord will use as instrumental of much good to many; the very sight of her, and especially the remembrance of what God hath done to and by her, have an heart raising and affecting influence, and occasion many good discourses, whereby I hope many will be edified, and so God have the more glory. These things I write in her commendation; I hope will caution not to puff her up, &c.

The Child being questioned about her spiritual condition, saith:

Shee blesteth God shee is at present freed from temptations, and hath gotten strength against them in the way of seeking to God by *Sept. 30.*
 Prayers. Shee hath a hungry and thirsting *1653.*
 spirit after fulnesse from Christ, it being her meat and drink to do the Will of her Father, and hath Peace and Joy through the abundance of hope, continuing in an humble submissive frame, being sensible of her own weaknesses, desiring in the Name of Christ to return praises unto her Father; and is something troubled that she cannot return according to the enlargements of her desires.

To conclude, I see God is still putting on,
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and making the spirits of her Friends to press forward that they may obtain yet more advantage by these wonderfull Dispensations, and that their Family may bee an exemplary Family. So pregnant a mercy was this, that it hath more mercies in the wombe of it, and will I hope be still more fruitful.

Courteous Reader, Thy prayers are earnestly begged by this child's dear parents & friends, that they may never live to dishonour such glorious Manifestations of Gods free mercies towards them; may be enabled to shew forth the virtues of him who calls them out of darknesse into his marvellous light, Light shining through precious promises, and wonderfull providences: As Gods Word gives light, so do his Works; they desirously thirst, that there may be more lively workings of Gods Spirit in their hearts, and that God might reap fruits in some measure proportionate to what hath been sown, that he would multiply the seed sown, and encrease the fruits of their righteousness, to the praise of his glorious Grace, through the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Some Observations in the fourth year since her Re- covery.

THe fourth year is now begun since the Recovery of this sweet Child, and I thought it might be useful to relate some particulars whereby I might shew forth the continuance of Gods goodness to her, and the rather, because I observe that such extraordinary Providences sometimes have (to say no more) a black Cloud drawn over them, which darken the glory thereof: but (blessed be the God of Mercies) it is not so with her; God doth mercifully continue his good hand upon her for good, as to her bodily health, and also to her spiritual condition; God keeps her still in a very humble hungering frame of

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spirit; she is constant in secret Duties, hath a sweet gift in Prayer, and I hope that Spirit of Prayer is poured forth upon her; and though she hath not much joy, yet the Lord is pleased to give her much Peace; and I observe, that in these times, that is the safest condition, and that such who are kept at shorter commons, and in a confiding condition, who have not such ravishing joyes (as others talk of) are the soberest and foundest in their judgements, and fruitfulest in their practices, and they who talk of high Attainments, have not attained that measure of holinesse which these reach to; not but I think the consolations of the Spirit have a proper tendency to advance holinesse; but yet I fear the Land-Floud of Comforts makes the streams overflow the Banks, and so the River seems greater than it is; their comforts are rather the issue of their own spirits, than the off-spring of Gods Spirit, and Ships under sail with Top and Top gallant, being not well ballasted, oft suffer shipwreck.

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If the Trees of Lebanon spread their branches, and grow upward; but doe not cast forth their Roots and grow downward, they are subject to be over-turned with every storm and tempest, they who speak of new notions; and yet keep not in the old paths,

pathes, of great Revelations, and yet neglect the Duties of their Relations, and of being brought forth into marvellous light, and yet walk in darknesse, we see many of them go out in a snuff, their budding hopes being blasted; but the Lord hath in his free mercies (who doth nothing for our sakes) preserved ^{Ezek. 36.} this his Servant, so that she is in a thriving ^{32.} growing temper. She hath many tears, and by Gods withdrawings from her, I believe he doth advantage her (as others of his people experience) as much as by the communications of himself to her. And (as instruments under God) I may impute this to the wisdom of her dear Parents, who have still put her upon it to take notice that high favours call for high actings and much obedience, they have not (as some have a vain spirit that way) gone about to puffe up her heart, as if because of the extraordinarinesse of Gods Dispensations towards her, she might expect higher discoveries and manifestations than the Word allows any to look for, or that she might doe wonders, because God hath made her a Wonder of Mercies. I fear such an itch of pride carries some out to irregular actings. She hath her engagements lie before her to keep her humble, that she may not be lifted up in her self, and to quicken her to be

active for God. She very much desires that all who know of her condition would be earnest with the Lord (at such times as their hearts have most communion with him) on her behalf, that she may be kept in an humble frame, and may answer the great engagements which lie upon her. She is very sensible of her falling short of what God and man expects from her; and very much desires that is her Receptions from God have exceeded the bounds of his ordinary Dispensations, so her disbursements for God, may hold some proportion therewith. Yet must I say (though she much fear her self, and complain much of her unprofitableness) God makes her very usefull to her Relations (as to others) the words which fall from her are spoken with that awfull reverence, and so feelingly, as adds a marvellous grace unto them, and they do much affect the hearts of the hearers.

I shall give one instance; it pleased the Lord to exercise that Family in taking away their younger Son Master *Jonathan Hatfield* (I think not twelve years old) he gave sweet testimonies of a gracious work upon his heart, more than could have been expected at those years; amongst other Speeches of his this was one, *Mother (said he) God is good, and nothing is good but what is enjoyed in God.*

It is not to be sleighted, that God took him from them in the same moneth, day of the moneth, and about the same hour of the day that Mistris *Martha* his Sister (three years before) began first to speak; about the time of his departure, his tender Father (he being the Son of his old age) fell into a passion of grief (though he is one of an excellent spirit, an example of moderation and patience to all that see his behaviour under those great Tryalls he hath met with) at that time this Child came to him, and having spoken some seasonable words to him; he presently said, *My Child, I blesse God for thee, thou hast comforted my heart*; what the words were, I could not have time to enquire of: the dear Mother also of this Child being very sick, and full of pain, that morning before the Interment of her Son, desired this Child to pray with her, and she prevailed with her to perform that Duty, and her mother told me, she was much revived and refreshed with the gracious words which came from her, with that seriousness and affection, as farre exceeded her expectations; and I take this to be a choice mercy to them that they should have this Childe as a Cordial by them always to revive their drooping spirits, and indeed she is a singular help and comfort to them by her savoury speeches, and

and the thoughts of Gods dealings with her, and that which proceeds from her in her discourse, hath oft raised up their faith when it was ready to hang the wing: I remember one expression which she uttered to my self, ushering it out with a sigh, viz. *If one stroke would do, God would not strike twice*; she spake it to me that day I came to the Funeral of her Brother; she meant it thus; If one stroke would teach us the Great Lesson of Submission to Gods Will, he would not strike twice: Having lately taken away her dear Sister, Mrs. Hannah Hatfield; and now her younger Brother.

Good Reader, let God have all the praise and this precious Child, and her Friends, an interest in thy Prayers, that since he casts forth a Plank or Cable, to keep them from sincking, they may walk worthy of these experiences of his love and faithfulness unto all well-pleasing through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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